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Hand Held Devices Banned While Driving

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The Massachusetts Senate voted in June to ban the use of all hand held electronic devices while driving. The state will fine drivers ($100 for 1st offense, $250 for 2nd offense, and $500 for 3rd offenses) for having devices on their laps or touching them while driving.

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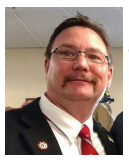

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HERO IN OUR MIDST - JOSEPH SALVATORE LAGRASSE

Beth D'Amato
VALLEY PATRIOT HERO REPORTER

NORTH ANDOVER - As far back as the American Revolution, the bravest of men would run onto the battlefields under enemy fire to provide aid and comfort to the wounded and dying. By the time the Civil War broke out, the realization that medical treatment and the evacuation of soldiers from the front lines was a necessity. These brave men became known as medics and affectionately called "Doc." They were the true unsung heroes of wartime.

Sergeant Joseph Salvatore LaGrasse was one of those brave men who risked his own life numerous times to save his fellow soldiers. Sgt. LaGrasse was a member of the Company C 121st Medical Battalion Americal Division during WWII.

Joe LaGrasse was born on June 12, 1918 and grew up on 31 Fulton Street in Lawrence MA. He was one of seven siblings born to Italian immigrants Antoinette and Domenic LaGrasse. His mother was a homemaker and his father worked at the Paper Mill in Lawrence. Joe recalled fond memories and said, "We made homemade pasta, sauce and wine in our house. Those were great times." Joe is the only remaining sibling at 99 years old. He was predeceased by Marion, Gus, Katherine, Frances, Michael and Vincent.

Joe graduated from high school in 1935. He was employed at the Ayer Mill in Lawrence and did some mason work. Joe stated he attended a Medic program in New Jersey. He also stated he wanted to go to medical school but enlisted in the Army in 1941.

Joe LaGrasse saw two years of combat duty overseas. During his time in the Pacific Theatre, Sergeant LaGrasse served in the capacity of litter platoon section leader and surgical technician. A litter refers to the common stretcher used for carrying casualties. It was one of the essential tools for World War II medical personnel. The litter itself not only provided a means to carry the casualties to the aid station, they were often used as operating tables.

The backbone of these units that Joe was in charge of, were the litter bearers. These brave men lifted and carried the dead and wounded off the battlefield. There was a lot of running over dangerous terrain but that never deterred these men. Many litter bearers were injured or killed (along with medics) by enemy mines and fire or suffered emotional breakdowns from stress and exhaustion. When needed, units employed cooks, musicians, and company clerks as replacement litter bearers.

For a medic, the main objective was to get the wounded away from the front lines. Many times this involved Sgt. LaGrasse and his fellow medics to climb out from the protection of their foxhole under heavy fire or into no-man's-land to help fallen soldiers. Once they reached the wounded soldier, they would do a brief examination, evaluate the wound and apply a tourniquet if necessary. Joe

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State Senate Passes Hands-Free Driving Bill

Senator Katy Ives
MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATE

On June 29th, the State Senate passed a bill vital to public safety which will reduce motor vehicle accidents and fatalities by prohibiting the use of electronic mobile devices while operating a motor vehicle.

The technological capabilities of cell phones has given drivers more opportunities to become distracted at the wheel. Sending a text message or typing a destination in a GPS, multiplied by several times on a highway, quickly becomes a public safety issue.

Senate Bill 2092, "An Act to Prevent Driver Distraction and Motor Vehicle Fatalities" responds to the concerns of law enforcement officials over the difficulty of enforcing the texting ban implemented in September 2010. While the 2010 law prohibited drivers from composing, sending, or reading text messages, the handling of mobile devices was banned outright only for individuals under the age of 18.

Five seconds is the average time a driver's eyes are taken off the road while reading or sending a text message. At 55 mph, those five seconds are enough to cover the length of a football field. The result has been an estimated one million motor vehicle accidents and 3,000 fatalities a year caused by distracted driving.

New Hampshire's hands-free driving law went into effect on July 1, 2015. It's time for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to finally adopt this law as well.

Senate Bill 2092 bans the use of mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle unless the devices are used in hands-free mode. It further prohibits drivers from touching or holding a mobile electronic device except to activate, deactivate, or initiate a feature or function. This prohibition includes accessing the internet to compose, send, or read an electronic message or to input information by hand into a global positioning system or navigation device while operating a motor vehicle.

I supported several successful amendments, including a requirement for RMV distracted driving training for a second or third hands free violation, filed by Senator Michael Moore, and an amendment prohibiting a person from holding a mobile electronic device in their lap while operating a motor vehicle, filed by Senator Eileen Donoghue.

Use of a mobile electronic device is permitted for emergency purposes, including reporting a disabled motor vehicle; that medical attention or assistance is required; that police intervention, fire department or other emergency service is necessary; or that a disabled vehicle or an accident is present in the roadway.

Car insurance rates have also increased because of accidents caused by distracted drivers which have led to pricier repairs. These higher premiums are evenly dis-

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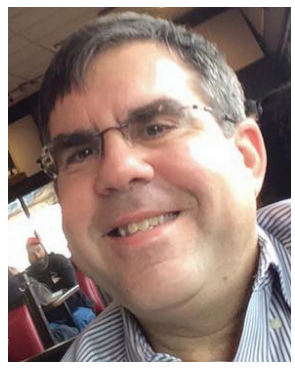
"WEATHER 101" WITH AL!

Summer Weather

Al Kaprielian
VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

Welcome to July with summer officially here now. July is known as the hottest month of the year. We will see if it lives up to its expectations in the coming weeks. During June we did see some hot days with high temperatures 90+. There were also some days with cool temperatures.



During the first week of June we saw rain with unseasonably cool temperatures. With the rain came high temperatures only in the 40s. This did not make it feel like June at all. A chilly air mass moved into the region from Canada.

By the middle of June the Bermuda HIGH PRESHA system regained strength and pushed the jet stream to our north. We saw a return to summer heat and humidity with temperatures at 90-95 degrees. Cooler less humid air returned for the latter part June.

The month ended with some heavy rain in parts of New England. Southern New Hampshire saw some torrential rain during the evening of June 30. During June we saw a lot of fluctuations in the weather between hot and cool. This is a result of an amplified jet stream. It appears that this amplified jet stream may continue into the month of July.

We started July with very warm and humid weather.

A cold front moved through the area bringing cooler and drier air for the 4th of July. Ahead of this cold front there were some severe thunderstorms across northern New England during the evening of July 1st. Strong winds caused power outages and the heavy rain washed out some roads in these areas. We were spared this severe weather in southern New England. This cold front was the result in some amplification in the jet stream.

Depending on the position of the jet stream will determine how many 90+ days we get. Three consecutive days of 90 degrees or higher is known as a heat wave. We have gotten one or more heat waves during July in past years. Time will tell what happens this July.

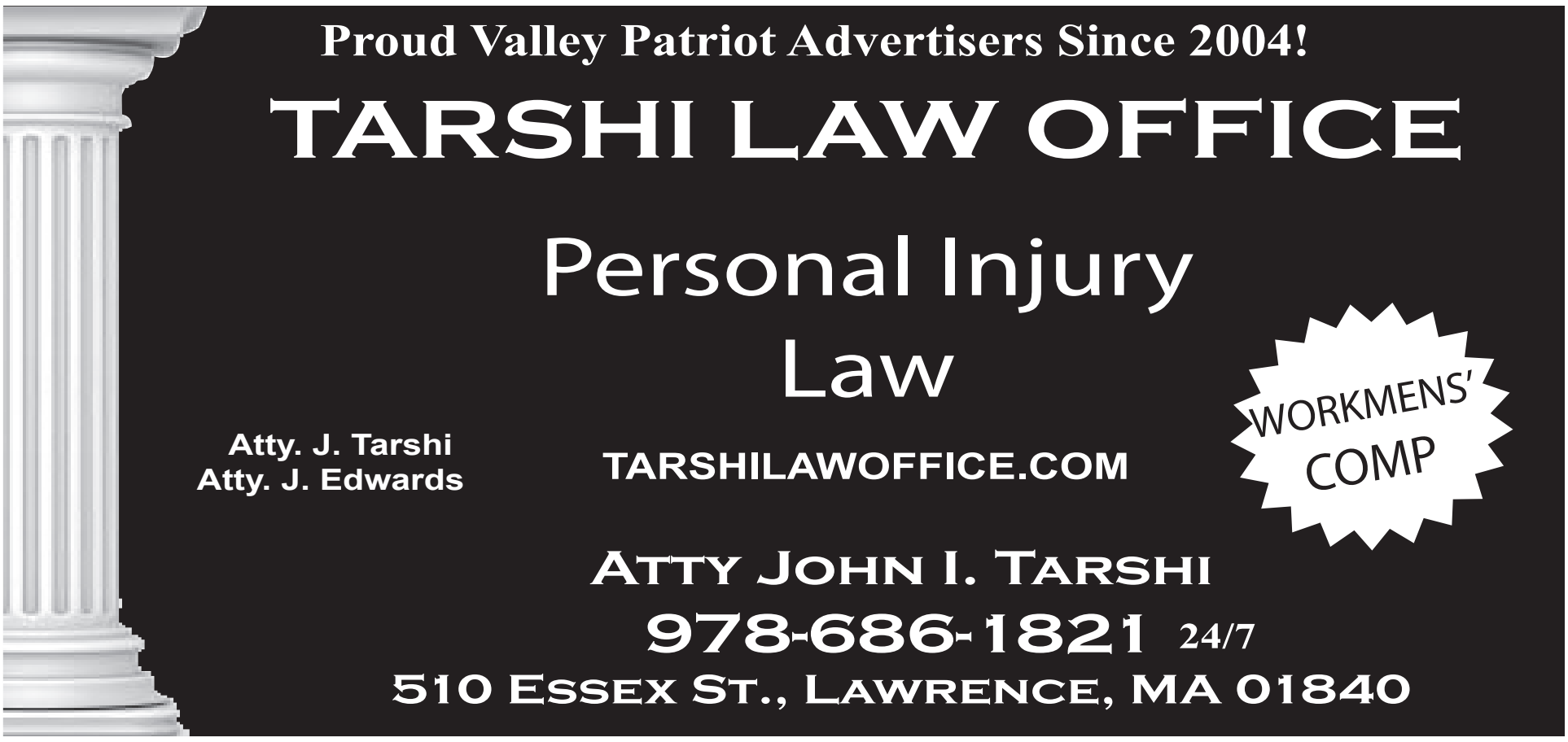
When hot weather occurs this summer, make sure you drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. Wear light weight/loose fitting clothing. Try and refrain from strenuous outdoor activities. Wait until the sun has set to perform these activities. When thunderstorms occur this summer seek shelter immediately! Stay away from windows!

Open areas like baseball fields, tennis courts are danger areas during thunderstorms! Get away from trees during thunderstorms! If you are outdoors and hear thunder, seek shelter immediately! If you hear thunder, the lightening is close enough where it can strike you! After severe thunderstorms end, stay away from any downed power lines! During these summer months check latest weather forecasts especially if severe weather is a threat.

As we get closer to August we will continue to lose daylight as the days grow shorter. With less daylight, August can see cooler temperatures, especially the second half of the month. Next month, mid August to mid September is the peak of hurricane season.

We will talk more about hurricanes in next month's article. We will also recap July's weather. Enjoy each day this summer season because summer goes by fast. When at the beach, if the ocean is rough, listen to the lifeguards. They are there for your protection.

Stay safe and have a great summer!



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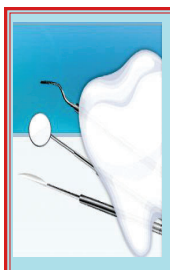

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Legalizing Foreign Drug Imports Will Worsen New Hampshire's Opioid Crisis

Kevin P. St. James
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New Hampshire's opioid epidemic is out of control. Last year, 500 people died from overdoses. This year promises to be worse -- especially since drug traffickers have started lacing heroin and counterfeit painkillers with carfentanil, an elephant tranquilizer that is so deadly that first responders may need to wear hazmat suits while treating overdose patients.

As an advanced emergency medical technician and firefighter, I respond to overdose calls every week. I've seen an addict leave an ambulance and hospital to search for drugs, just minutes after being revived by EMTs. Like so many other Granite Staters, I've lost a family member to the epidemic.

I am deeply concerned that well-meaning politicians are about to make the problem worse. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is sponsoring a bill that would allow people to import packages of prescription drugs from Canada. New Hampshire's Senator Maggie Hassan, New Jersey Senator Cory Booker, and Minnesota Senator Al Franken all support the bill.

They're making a mistake. This bill is intended to make prescriptions more affordable. But it would also make it easier for criminals to smuggle dangerous narcotics across the border. We can't afford to make a horrifying crisis any worse.

Many addicts first get hooked on prescription painkillers. Pill addicts use to crush timed-release pain medicines, such as Oxycodone, into powder and snort it for an immediate high. Pharmaceutical companies responded by developing abuse-deterrent formulas that make it much harder to get high from crushing or liquefying pills.

In 2012, the FDA mandated that all Oxycodone sold in the United States be abuse deterrent.

No longer able to crush U.S. pills, addicts turned to foreign ones. At the moment, it's illegal to buy prescriptions from abroad. But people skirt the law by traveling to Canada and bringing back drugs or ordering prescriptions through online Canadian pharmacies. Although law enforcement does its best, some of the packages slip through.

The postal service doesn't require packages to provide the same electronic data as private carriers like FedEx. So drug dealers frequently ship illicit drugs into the United States through the mail.

In an attempt to slow this drug importation and alleviate the opioid crisis, the governors of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, and Vermont wrote a letter in 2014 to the Canadian ambassador imploring Canada to adopt a similar abuse-deterrent requirement. But Canada rejected their plea.

So addicts keep crushing foreign pills for an immediate high. Eventually, many turn to heroin, which is cheaper. In the past few years, drug traffickers have made counterfeit foreign painkillers and heroin

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Marijuana Ban Public Hearing is July 11

Kathy's Lawrence Notebook

Kathy Runge
VALLEY PATRIOT LAWRENCE COLUMNIST

A public hearing for an ordinance banning any business involving recreational marijuana is scheduled to occur at the July 11 council meeting. This is the second Tuesday of July, continuing a disturbing habit of scheduling important votes during summer meetings that don't follow their regular first and third Tuesday of the month schedule. Even more, it's being held on a popular vacation week.

The sentiment among the councilors seems to be running towards favoring the ban. We hear the standard arguments, mainly that we have too many drugs in the city already and the claim that marijuana is a gateway drug.

Another argument supporting the ban is that if someone wants marijuana they can get it easily enough. True, but marijuana laced with fentanyl is being found in areas of the country. Does the council want to be responsible for people who just want to smoke some pot getting this mixture?

Other communities thinking of implementing this ban probably don't have their streets crawling with drug dealers and people flooding into their town to buy drugs. Why anyone would vote to make marijuana users hit the same streets that some of the most sophisticated and ruthless drug gangs in the state frequent is beyond me.

Does anybody think we will be flooded with out-of-towners coming here to buy legal marijuana? Frankly, if I didn't live in Lawrence and wanted to buy some, I'd probably find somewhere else to do it. This isn't about tax revenue, the city isn't going to get rich selling pot, it is about safety.

Under this ordinance, even a business that would test your marijuana for other substances like fentanyl would be banned.

This is an election year ploy by its sponsors, Councilors Maldonado and De Pena, to make it look like they are defending public safety. If public safety was a priority they should rescind the sanctuary city ordinance. They claim that the city has become less safe in the past few years, but want to blame it all on the mayor. They absolutely refuse to consider the fact that two years ago they took tools away from law enforcement and essentially invited drug dealing gangs into the city.

To top it off, no one really knows what they're voting for. I've heard that this ban would only last until the end of 2018 and also that it would be permanent. I've heard the situation is uncertain since the state legislature is working out details of the legislation now.

And then we have the petition to put the issue on the ballot. It is uncertain whether we need to put it on the ballot or not and whether the petition is needed to get it on the ballot. Also, the document the petitioners are signing states the question should be put on the ballot at the next biennial state election. Isn't that in 2018?

We will report on the outcome of this sure to be excruciating discussion and vote next month, if it happens. The public hearing was ordered at their June 20 meeting, but I have seen no notice to date. Maybe they will hide it in the July 4th newspapers.

This hearing was originally scheduled for the June 6 council meeting. There was a lengthy public participation section during that meeting. Many people spoke both for and against the ban instead of waiting

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Too Big To Fail – Big Pharma Edition

There is probably not a single resident of the Merrimack Valley, fhe Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or this entire country that either has not been directly affected or knows someone who has been affected by the opioid crisis. It is a plague upon this nation, which has surpassed car crashes as the number one cause of unintended deaths for the 25-64 years of age demographic per The Center for Disease Control (CDC). The latest 2015 CDC available data shows that Massachusetts leads the nation with a 35.3 percent increase in drug overdose deaths from 2014 to 2015. Even worse, the CDC acknowledges that some of these estimates may be underrepresented and worse than official statistics presented.

Some State Attorney Generals across the nation have fought back. How? By filing civil suits and going after the opioid manufacturers themselves. These opioid manufacturers include names like: Purdue Pharma, Endo International Plc., Johnson & Johnson's (J & J) Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan to name a few. Should states prevail, it would bring in hundreds-of-millions to state coffers to hopefully put towards funding in treatment and battling the epidemic. Massachusetts already budgeted over one-hundred million for substance abuse treatment, but is it enough? Will money being thrown at supply and demand issue, and unfettered opioid prescriptions help solve the crisis, a crisis that is specifically claiming middle-aged white males in larger numbers than all others? Probably not, especially if the cost of doing business is a few billion in fines.

Pharmaceutical companies, also known as "Big Pharma", have now surpassed Wall Street's "Too Big To Fail" Banks in political campaign contributions. In 2016 the industry spent nearly $250 million in political campaign contributions, their 2017 filings show they are keeping pace with almost $80 million in coffer stuffing contributions. The Big Pharma industries top lobbyist, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) leads the way with just over $8 million so far in 2017. Much like their Wall Street brethren, who over the past decade committed, and continue to commit, massive fraud & crime upon Americans, no one goes to jail. The fines levied? Simply the cost of doing business.

Will our own State Legislature and/or Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey lead where others have not? Probably not. Much like Foreclosure Crisis in Massachusetts, then Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley simply settled for pennies-on-the-dollar with Wall Street, even though she had Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Landmark Decisions favoring consumers. Coakley simply caved to Wall Street, much like her Congressional political brethren who voted to bailout Wall Street for massive fraud upon the people. Campaign cash and lobbying influence being put above our interest in favor of those who have done irreparable harm.

Big Pharma's foot print in Massachusetts is vast, as is their campaign contributions and lobbying activity. PhRMA's lobbying totals at the Massachusetts State House for 2016 totaled $208,461.54, most which was spread amongst state lobbyist Bay State Strategies Group LLC and the law firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish. Bay State Strategies have sent over $12K to Beacon Hill since 2016 and $800.00 directly to MA Attorney General Maura Healey. Nutter, McClennen & Fish attorneys have sent over $38K to Beacon Hill since 2016, with $6150.00 going directly into AG Healey's campaign coffers. Perdue Pharma spent just over $50K in lobbying on Beacon Hill using Charles Stefanini Consulting LLC (Mr. Stefanini is also "of-counsel" with lobbying firm Dewey Square Group). Charles Stefanini Consulting sent just over $7K to Beacon Hill since 2016 with $250.00 directly to MA State Speaker DeLeo.

Massachusetts Congress Members are not exempt from the allure of Big Pharma's millions in campaign monies either. In 2016 Rep. Joe Kennedy III and Rep. Seth Moulton took $1300 and $1K respectively from PhRMA, J & J donated over $13K to MA Congress Members, once again, Kennedy leading the way with over $9K. Sen. Elizabeth Warren took $500 from opiate manufacturer Allergan, and once again, Kennedy taking $2K from Teva Pharmaceuticals in 2016. Unlike their friends on Beacon Hill, at least Members of Congress from Massachusetts are not as piggish when it comes to the Big Pharma opiate manufacturers campaign donation trough.

Not all Big Pharma drugs are bad, but many clearly come with labeled side effects, some tragically so. These manufacturers donate in-kind to politicians as well. However, opioid prescriptions have surpassed other medications which would lead to speculation as to why there is such an increase for a drug that is killing our citizenry. Profit margins would be a leading culprit, especially now as government ostensibly subsidizes the industry. Big Pharma executives of course have cashed in, since 2015, Allergan executives sold back shares worth just under twenty-

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MA Democrats Cheer Racist, Hand-Held Driving Ban

VALLEY PATRIOT EDITORIAL

What we have heard from the Democratic Party at the national level, and here in Massachusetts over the past ten years is that police officers (especially white police officers) are evil racists who can't be trusted not to randomly gun down young black men in the streets for sport.

Democratic party leaders in Massachusetts have such disdain for, and are so distrustful of law enforcement, that every year they pass more restrictive laws tying the hands of police, taking away discretion in vehicle stops, and stripping them of "scary looking" defensive military equipment.

They even commissioned a study by State Police to track the race of those being pulled over to see if the staties were engaging in any kind of racial profiling (which they provably were not).

So, we find it somewhat racist (by their own definition) that these same Democrats who 'say' they side with domestic terror group "Black Lives Matter" would then pass a measure to give police ... MORE? ... discretionary power to target poor young black men for vehicle stops and possible execution.

Just imagine you are a MA State Senator who built your career on slandering police and siding with criminals at every turn. You have championed every effort to disarm our cops for fear they might discriminate ... only to betray every "progressive" value (and your progressive constituents) to give those same evil cops additional tools to pull over poor innocent, black men with impunity ... on the pretense that the "racist" cops SAID the black driver was "touching his phone while driving".

You can see our confusion here.

If the "progressive" Democrats in the Massachusetts legislature really believed anything they've said in the last ten years about cops and racial profiling, they certainly wouldn't be siding with cops having MORE discretionary power in vehicle stops ... right?

Massachusetts Democrats in the Senate have created a future for our state where it comes down to the word of the evil, white, racist cops vs. the poor, innocent black men who have been oppressed for 400 years.

We can't imagine "Black Lives Matter" or the progressives in the Democratic Party being very happy with such betrayal by their hand-picked legislature saying one thing, and then publicly celebrate doing the exact opposite. But, here we are.

So, why are these self-proclaimed "progressive" Democrats acting against the interests of everything they pretend to believe in? The answer can be found in this sentence of State Senator Katy Ives' column on page two.

"1st offenders would be issued a $100 fine, a 2nd offense would be a fine of $250, and a 3rd offense would be a $500 fine and would be considered a moving violation and surchargeable event for auto insurance purposes."

That's right. Senate Democrats sold out their own "progressive" values for a boatload of cash, proving they never really had those "progressive values" in the first place.

Chasing Down Fraud and Patronage in the Massachusetts Judiciary

Special Report by:
Aliana Brodmann E. von Richthofen

When I was kicked out of my job as senior writer at a major medical institution in Boston for reporting racist incidents, I believed my rights were protected by our Constitution and filed a retaliation suit against my employer to reclaim my dignity. Little did I know that the Constitution is only theory around here and that the trial would evolve into mockery of justice with blatant perjuries by the defendants and misleading instructions to the jury by a trial judge who favored corporations.

I mortgaged my house, believing in the integrity of the higher courts. Then the Appeals Court judges misquoted the law on my case to side with the trial judge and all I got from the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) was an ambiguously worded "denial" signed by one clerk and voided by another, amounting to: zero. And that, after having been beaten up and kicked out of my job and brutalized through ten years of litigation on the pay-to-play playing field of the Massachusetts court system.

Checking the electronic docket of my appeal I discovered multiple errors and went to the SJC to review the physical file, only to be told by the senior clerk that the entire case file was "inexplicably missing" and to, basically, get lost.

I finally realized it couldn't have been coincidental that the trial judge, three appeals court judges and seven SJC justices didn't know the law on retaliation. Upon compelling the then Chief Justice Marshall to find the "missing" file, I was sent documents from her attorney referenced as "the reconstructed file." No word on what it had been reconstructed from, if the entire file was missing. But more importantly: it was indisputable proof of the doctoring of my file. Nine documents, all of them mine, were either missing or altered by hand! - A practice known in the legal world as "simulated litigation," or otherwise "racketeering," the falsification of records to give the appearance that proper procedure was followed when in fact it hadn't.

My repeated requests for documentation as to which Justice had decided my oddly worded appeal was not answered by Marshall nor her successor, Ireland. The two SJC clerks implicated in the doctoring of my file were quietly dismissed and Ireland's successor, Justice Gants, took over with a new clerk in 2014. To Justice Gants' credit: his clerk acknowledged in writing that no justice ever saw, nor therefore decided my appeal. To his discredit: he did nothing about it. I was still left hanging in the purgatory of our so-called justice system.

Without any curative actions by the SJC I had to believe that the sidelining of my appeal was motivated by the nature of my case: racism. I therefore resorted to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) with a summary of my potential Complaint against the SJC, over which, the intake attorney informed me, she first needed verification that her agency had jurisdiction.

My brief belief in the integrity of the MCAD was shattered when it promptly falsified my "inquiry" into a "case" and, instead of informing me of whether or not it had jurisdiction over the SJC, sent me a "dismissal" based on alleged "evidence adduced in investigation" in ambiguous language. Ambiguous language obviously proving to be part of the pattern of deceit and trickery, routinely used in these despicable crimes against unsuspecting victims by the very officials entrusted to protect our rights.

State Secretary, Galvin, the only reliable official, helped me obtain my records from the MCAD which predictably proved its "dismissal" as fraudulent with no evidence present of an investigation or any shred of the alleged "adduced evidence." Clearly the MCAD had colluded with the SJC in pitiful conspiracy. It has since been compelled to strike its fraudulent "dismissal" in the record.

Petitions for support from our supposed supervisory agencies were all turned down, as were my pleas to Congress people, Senators and Governors Patrick and Baker, the latter recently exposed as supporting a thriving culture of patronage in his own office (Boston Globe, 05.24.2017). Then Attorney General Coakley had the temerity to reprimand me for my complaint to her. Of course she was a known supporter of the medical institution that had been my employer. Her successor, Maura Healy, coyly advised that I hire a lawyer, like four hadn't been enough for an unemployed writer, plus it being common knowledge that no lawyer would go up against the SJC for fear of retaliation.

The only official to find my ordeal sufficiently serious was then U.S. Senator Scott Brown, who filed a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department. However, his successor, Elizabeth Warren, who prides herself on serving the meek, refused to follow up on this provocative case that mirrors hundreds, if not thousands, of others. All fellow victims harmed, as I had been, by abusive employers, crooked contractors, corrupt towns, exploitive nursing homes, retaliatory licensing boards etc. and bravely fighting for their rights. Many losing their health, homes, relationships with loved ones, and often their sanity in the process, as at the end of the chase we have no independent body of oversight to turn to. If we did, these crimes, perpetrated to favor the well connected while ravaging the lives of all others, wouldn't be proliferating in the first place, turning productive, tax-paying citizens into disabled recipients of government subsidies. No wonder, this State's financial soundness was recently downgraded by regulatory agencies.

Former US Attorney Carmen Ortiz threw up her arms for being undermined by those responsible to support her in draining this swamp and left her post. The government of Massachusetts has become one large sewer, overflowing with the excrement of fraud and corruption. It's high time to get it purged for its increasing toxicity to the public and drain on government resources.

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After Chase, State Police Kill Sex Assault Suspect Who Promised "Suicide By Cop"

By: Tom Duggan – June 15, 2017

Massacusetts State Police shot and killed a man late Thursday night after a high speed chase that started in Malden, through North Andover on Rte 114W, and led officers from multiple cities and towns down Route 495 North to Amesbury and Merrimac.

The suspect was wanted for sexual assault and reported to have a firearm in the truck. Police say the criminal had promised "suicide by cop" earlier in the night. A BOLO (be on the lookout) was issued for a stolen truck out of Maine. Police reports that his phone was pinged (located by triangulating off of local cell towers) in Hampton NH earlier in the evening.

The Valley Patriot followed the chase and broadcasted it live on facebook.

As the chase intensified and snaked its way through Lawrence, Methuen, and Haverhill, dozens of police cars from every community along the 495 corridor joined the pursuit. On at least two occasions the criminal shot out the driver's side window at state police.

Minutes later he shot through the back window of his car and struck the windshield of the lead state police cruiser giving chase.

Police radioed ahead to a construction crew near the Amesbury exit on Route 495, who blocked the highway down to one lane forcing the criminal to get off the highway.

Minutes later, as the chase continued through Amesbury, to southern NH, state police radioed in that the suspect was "in custody", but Valley Patriot sources said seconds later that a "code four" was called and medics were called to the scene to pronounce the man dead.

The State Police Airwing reported that they were video recording the chase as the chase neared the Lawrence North Andover line.

The criminal was later identified as Michael Brown.

Great Energy and a Packed Hearing for Civics Education

Linda Dean Campbell
STATE REP. METHUEN, HAVERHILL

One looming challenge for our country and Massachusetts is a general lack of civic engagement on the part of our young people. The steadily declining voter turnout by our youth is particularly pronounced in both midterm and local elections. Only 20% of 18 to 29 year olds voted in the 2014 national midterm elections, the lowest rate ever recorded. The local picture is even more bleak as in Haverhill's last municipal election where only 750 of approximately 11,000 18 to 24 year-olds registered voted, in spite of the fact that one of their own, a very dynamic recent college graduate, sought and won election to the City Council.

When asked, only 32% of Millennials believe they "have a voice in the political process" which means two thirds of them are disengaged and not participating in our representative democracy.

These most concerning figures about civic engagement by our youth has created momentum for legislation that I have sponsored and worked upon with my colleagues to create a substantive civics education requirement for students in Massachusetts. The requirement ensures that every high school graduate would have to complete two civics-based projects on a local, state or federal government matter that interests them.

When the bill came up for a hearing in June I was struck by the supporting testimony of teachers and advocates who emphasized the lack of attention that has been paid to civics and social studies over the past two decades since the implementation of MCAS. While Massachusetts schools have demonstrated they are among the best in the world when it comes to teaching our children math and reading, we have fallen behind in civic education in the very cradle of American Liberty.

In addition to my hands-on focus, there was also considerable support for more content and factual based learning. As with all learning, a multifaceted approach works best and should be considered. In both modalities, incentives (such as I have included in my bill) like participation with the Kennedy Library, and awards for those who excel on our national citizenship test should be included.

Very many good ideas were brought forth at this hearing and the timing for action is good as the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is currently reviewing Social Studies curriculum with the intent to incorporate some new national standards. Massachusetts social studies teachers also strongly advocate for a greater emphasis upon civics and some want civics to be part of MCAS graduation testing requirements.

I hope the energized debate on how to increase civil engagement and participation in our democratic processes results in more, better, and more interesting material being presented to our students as we approach the 230th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America.

State Representative Linda Dean Campbell represents 15th Essex which includes the cities of Methuen and Haverhill. She can be reached at 617.722.2380 or Linda.Campbell@mahouse.gov or representative.linda.campbell@gamil.com She currently serves as the Vice Chair on the Committee on Revenue.

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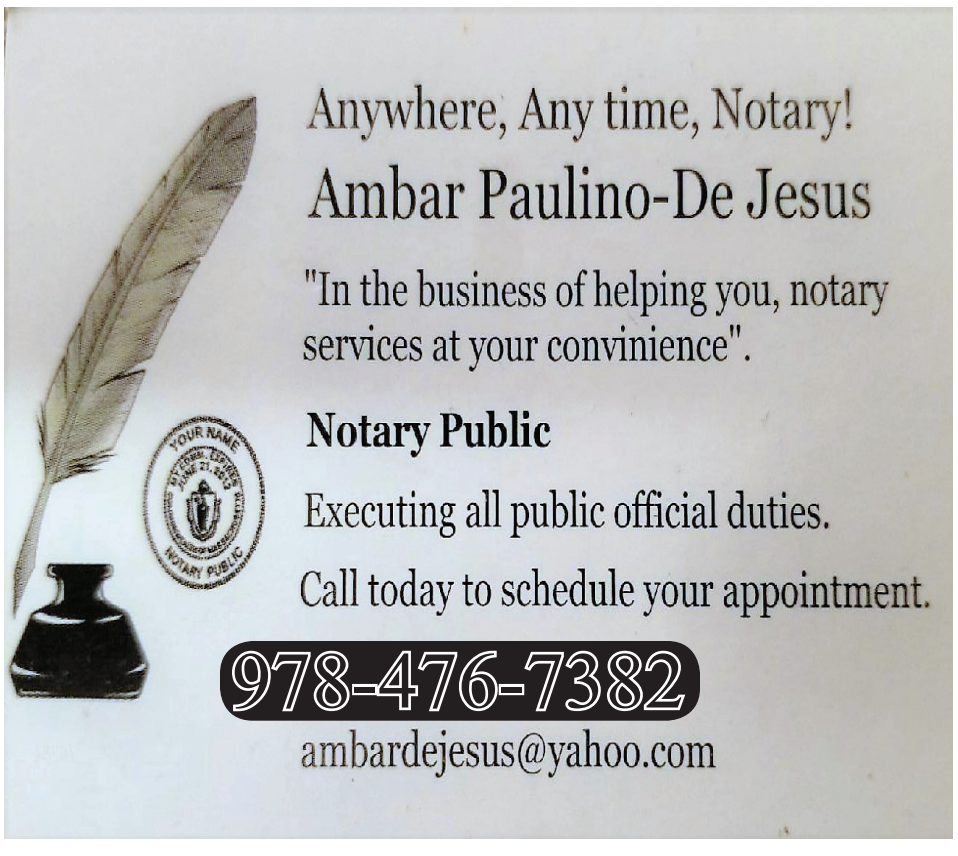
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TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK

SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDRASIER
DUNK DUGGAN FOR CHARITY

On Saturday, July 29th there will be a fundraising event at Methuen High School's lower field to benefit the special needs programs in the Methuen Public Schools. The event, run by Methuen parent Melissa Allen and Claudel Frederique of Methuen, will even feature a dunk tank where attendees can dunk yours truly, Tom Duggan, in a dunk tank.

"We see a need for funding for equipment and programming for individuals with developmental delays; individuals with Autism, Aspergers, Cerebral Palsy, and Down Syndrome," said Allen

"The money raised by this event will be donated directly to the Methuen Public Schools Special Education Department. There needs to be more funding for services for kids with disabilities offered in Methuen. The event will include field day activities such as badminton, bean-bag toss, bocce ball, arts and crafts, face painting, and also include vendors from local businesses and food vendors. There will also be a raffle (purchase at the event)."

Allen says that they are eagerly seeking local business sponsors for the program booklet as well as sponsoring a table at the event. The event is sponsored by local businesses like; The Valley Patriot newspaper, Anthony's Roast Beef in Methuen (donating food and drinks free of charge), Mayor Steve Zanni, Methuen School Committee member Jana DiNatale.

Melissa started planning this event three months ago and approached Methuen Mayor Steve Zanni and School Committee member Jana Dinatali to rent the high school track field (lower field) for the activities after the school department said they were not interested in helping with the charity fundraiser.

35 SHOTS, DUBAI NIGHTCLUB
SHOOTING CAUGHT ON VIDEO

You would never know it reading the daily Tribune last month, but Lawrence Police were called to the Dubai Nightclub on Jackson Street for calls of shots fired inside the nightclub on the early morning of June 12th.

Upon arrival, police found more than 35 shell casings in what one officer called "quite the shootout".

One shooting victim was hit in the foot and was transported to Lawrence General Hospital. He had a bullet hole to the right leg and had a fractured femur. He is in stable condition. Another shooting victim arrived, on their own, at Holy Family Hospital, but was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Jacob Beaudoin, a graduating senior at North Andover High School, received a Valley Patriot scholarship last month at "Scholarship Knight". The scholarship money was raised from our annual BASH! donors and attendees each March. Jacob was also given a free copy of "Heroes in Our Midst" to use for a college project.

Luckily, a neighbor of the nightclub had surveillance video of the incident outside the club and shared it exclusively with The Valley Patriot. The video (posted on valleypatriot.com) shows one shooter standing in the middle of Jackson St., aiming and firing at the panicked crowd of people fleeing the nightclub, as shots echoed from his companion shooters inside the club.

Also seen in The Valley Patriot video are two men backing up the shooter outside the club, and calmly handing off a backup gun to each other as the outside shooter took a stance behind his open car door, and aimed at more innocent civilians fleeing the club. Another man, in the background being shot as he fled the club, then crawling into a getaway car and speeding off.

Police told The Valley Patriot that this was one of the worst "ambush shootings" they have seen since the Easter massacre of Aracelys Valdez Deleon. Deleon was murdered outside the LaCava nightclub in Lawrence, when Luis Rodriguez fired nine shots into a crowd of people, striking Deleon and a male companion. The companion survived. To watch this video, visit valleypatriot.com and type "dubai" in the search bar at the top.

LITTLETON SCHOOL BOARD
ATTACKS LOCAL BUSINESS

A newly elected member of the Littleton School Committee, Jennifer Wilson, posted on social media last month that she would not patronize either of the two farms in town due to the fact that she thinks they are Trump supporters.

Her post on Facebook, which has since been deleted, targeted the owners of the two farms for public ridicule prompting the owners constituient and business owner to contact The Valley Patriot saying: "There is great concern in town that if this is how she decides whom to do business with, what will happen if someone she thinks voted for Trump comes before the school committee with a concern? What if someone applies for a job but donated to the Trump campaign, is she going to discriminate against them? Will they be given the benefit of the doubt, or be treated in the same manner as someone who is perceived to be liberal or a Democrat? We don't know, but we are very concerned."

It seems odd that local officials who are entrusted to educate our children and teach them not to discriminate, would themselves be out there abusing their office, profiling local voters, and discriminating against local businesses (who pay taxes). This lady needs to resign. I just wonder if the parents in Littleton care enough make that happen.

BLATCHFORD DROPS OUT OF
COUNCIL RACE IN LAWRENCE

Former Lawrence School Committeeman Jim Blatchford has withdrawn from the 2017 city council race. Blatchford was fired last Friday, as an aide to Rep. Carmine Gentile, a Democrat from Sudbury.

Blatchford issued a statement Tuesday saying he is dropping out of the At-Large City Council race because he needs to concentrate on finding another job.

"It is true, I was dismissed last Thursday. I am in current conversation with the House Human Resources department so that I may learn the full circumstances of the judgment that was made. Until those conversations are completed I will reserve further comment of any kind on this matter."

"In light of the current circumstance, my obligation to find new employment and to care for my family takes precedence. Therefore, I will no longer be continuing my campaign for city council. I want to thank all those who have supported and believed in me and I will continue as a citizen to work for the betterment of my community."

SPONSOR OUR LIVE COVERAGE
OF THE CRIME IN LAWRENCE

I've been covering the crime in Lawrence for a long time, since long before I started this paper. With the development of new technology, I've been able to start live podcasting from the scenes of shootings, stabbings and other assorted mayhem going on in the city. Giving my readers and social media followers a chance to see in real time, the goings on in Lawrence, has resulted in several businesses requesting an opportunity to sponsor a live feed. My plan is to create my own YouTube channel and share it out on all social media platforms. This month I will be making our live video feeds available for sponsorship. Email me at valleypatriot@aol.com. Go to my video gallery on my personal Facebook page to see previous feeds and ask yourself... wouldn't it be great if all those people who watched these feeds knew it was being sponsored by your business, event, organization or non profit?

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NORTH ANDOVER
FARMER'S MARKET

Thanks to the efforts of Chris Allen, Phil DeCologero, Lowell Five Bank, and a group of local business owners and activists, North Andover will CONTINUE to hold a Farmer's Market each Sunday, where local farmers will offer a variety of locally grown produce from 10-2pm.

LAWRENCE'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME & DRUGS is sponsored by the Lawrence/Methuen Community Coalition, City of Lawrence and LNAP (Lawrence Neighborhood Association Partnership). The event will be held on Monday, July 31st, at the South Lawrence Common on Market & South Union Street, near the bandstand. Join your neighborhood association. Food, music, public safety materials, and demonstrations by Lawrence Fire Department, Smoke House, speak with your public representatives and public safety personnel.

METHUEN - FREE SUMMER LUNCH
PROGRAM

The Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. is working with state and federal agencies to provide free, nutritious

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For more information on GLCAC's Summer Food Services Program, please call 978-681-4960.

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Sunday afternoon performances begin at 2 p.m. and include: Donna Byrne on July 9, Hal McIntyre Big Band on July 16, Paul Broadnax & Friends on July 23, Liz Frame and the Kickers on Aug. 13, Shirim Klezmer Orchestra on Aug. 20, and A Salute to Veterans with Don Campbell on Aug. 27.

Maudslay Arts Center is located at 95 Curzon Mill Road, Maudslay State Park, Newburyport MA 01950. The concerts are held rain or shine, moving to the indoor performance hall adjacent to the patio when weather dictates.

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, which can be casual or as elaborate as a gourmet meal with tablecloth and flowers and whatever suits the patron's fancy. Delicious desserts such as seasonal cobblers, brownies, and Hodgie's ice cream, cold beverages, and Peet's House Blend Coffee may be purchased during intermission, all served by dedicated MAC volunteers, who continue to make this non-profit series happen.

Saturday performances start at 7 p.m., with gates opening at 6 p.m. Patio seating (tables and chairs) is $28 or four patio tickets for $100, while lawn seating (bring your own chairs or blankets) is $23. Children 12 and under are free.

The ticket prices for the special Jonathan Edwards concert on Saturday, Aug. 12, are $30 for patio and $25 for lawn. The "four patio tickets for $100" deal is not available for this concert.

Sunday performances start at 2 p.m. with gates opening at 1 p.m. General admission is $20 with open seating on the patio and lawn. Tables and chairs are provided on the patio. Special group rates may be arranged. Children 12 and under are free.

For the complete summer schedule, to purchase tickets online, or for further information about the performers, visit the MAC website at www.maudslayartscenter.org. Tickets also may be purchased at the gate or by calling (978) 499-0050. There is no reserved seating. Gift certificates also are available.

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Here's a video from last year's banquet: http://www.mafamily.org/about-mfi/

ANNUAL LITERATURE AWARDS

The Ministry of Culture of the Dominican Republic, announced the winners of the Annual Literature Awards for the year 2017. The writer and poet, César Sánchez Beras, who lives in Lawrence Massachusetts, won the Annual Theater Prize with the play "Dos Piezas Trágicas" in a jury composed of: Claudio Rivera, Dioni Rufino and Carlos Rojas. In other awards, the playwright Giovanni Cruz, won the Annual Story Award, with the book "Códices en la cortesía de mis libros", by the verdict of the judges: Fernando Berroa, Manuel Llibre and Nan Chevalier. The poet Daniel Baruc Espinal, won the Annual Poetry Prize, with a book "Hormiga dentro de una gota de ámbar".

S.399 AN ACT REGARDING BALLOT MODERNIZATION - Here is a bit of Massachusetts trivia for you. In the official ballot printed below, what position is Terrance Kennedy running for? The ballot says Councillor, but what is a "Councillor". What candidates have you heard running for "Councillor"? Have you seen any recent newspaper articles about what Councillor Kennedy, or any other "Councillor" has been doing?

One may guess that the position is a city councilor. After all, there are lots of school

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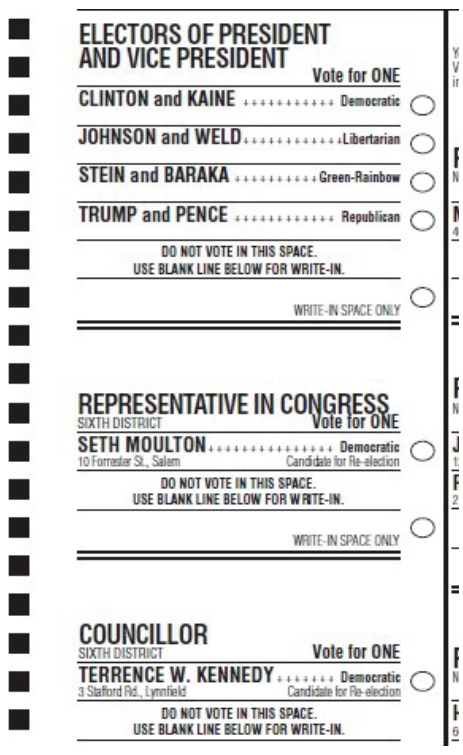
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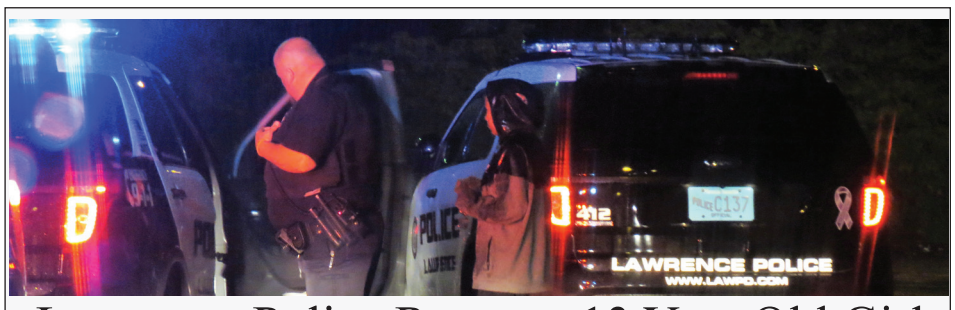
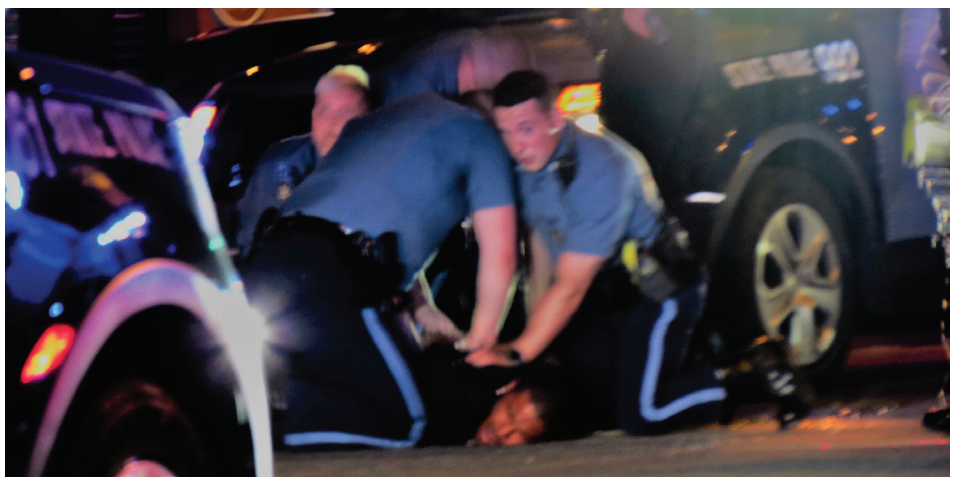


Lawrence Police Recover 13 Year Old Girl Missing From DCF Custody in Methuen

Lawrence Police responded to a domestic violence call late last month where the caller stated a man was beating a woman outside the home of 4 Andover St. When police arrived, however, they determined there was no domestic assault and the call was false. While at the address officers discovered a missing 13 year old named Venuz Portez who was reported missing from DCF custody at the Key Program in Methuen. The girl was transported to the Lawrence station and Methuen Police were notified.



State Troopers Wrestle Man With Gun in Lawrence Who Tried to Draw on Them

Massachusetts State Troopers patrolling the City of Lawrence late Sunday night pulled over a van on the lower end of Essex St. near the Aqua Nightclub.

Massachusetts Troopers ordered a man out of the vehicle and began to do a pat and frisk, when the man, armed with a handgun, assaulted and tried to draw his weapon on troopers, fighting initially with two troopers, and within seconds, a third trooper assisted.

State Police were able to wrestle the man to the ground deploying a taser to avoid using deadly force.

One trooper called for assistance when the man tried to draw his weapon during the scuffle, but were able to gain control of suspect while dealing with an unruly and hostile crowd of patrons leaving the various nightclubs near last call.

The man was charged with multiple assaults, assault and battery on police officers, and weapons charges. Valley Patriot sources say the man has a lengthy criminal record.

Dominican National Sentenced for Distributing Kilo of Heroin

BOSTON – A Dominican national was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for his role in two separate heroin trafficking rings operating in southeastern Massachusetts.

Francis Gonsalez-Romero, a/k/a Sam, 41, a Dominican national residing in Providence, R.I., was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. to 84 months in prison and three years of supervised release. Gonsalez-Romero will be subject to deportation upon completion of his sentence. On Feb. 28, 2017, Gonsalez-Romero pleaded guilty in two separate cases, a 2012 charge for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin, and a 2015 charge for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin and fentanyl.

The first indictment was returned on July 9, 2012, and was the product of a federal wiretap investigation. The investigation included the interception of a cellular telephone used by Gonsalez-Romero. Based on the investigation, Gonsalez-Romero supplied significant quantities of heroin to co-defendant Jose Rosa, who arranged for the heroin to be distributed to customers in the Taunton, Mass. area. Gonsalez-Romero's four co-defendants were arrested in July 2012, but federal investigators were unable to locate Gonsalez-Romero, who remained a fugitive. All four co-defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced to prison terms ranging from three years to 87 months.

The 2015 indictment was the product of a long-term federal investigation that established that Gonsalez-Romero was part of a drug trafficking organization led by his brother, Dedwin Cruz-Rivera. Cruz-Rivera allegedly obtained large quantities of heroin and fentanyl from local drug suppliers, including Gonsalez-Romero and his brother Manuel Romero-Gonsalez, which was distributed in and around Fall River and Providence, R.I.

The investigation culminated with the arrests and charges of Gonsalez-Romero and 24 others in connection with Cruz-Rivera's heroin trafficking operation; an April 2016 superseding indictment brought the number of defendants charged in the case to 26. More than half of the defendants charged in the Cruz-Rivera operation have pleaded guilty, and nine of the defendants have already been sentenced. Cruz-Rivera pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

Investigators used DNA evidence to confirm Gonsalez-Romero was the same individual charged in the 2012 indictment. Overall, Gonsalez-Romero was responsible for the distribution of more than a kilogram of heroin.

Acting United States Attorney William D. Weinreb and Michael J. Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division, made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Katherine Ferguson, Thomas E. Kanwit, Karen Beausey, Ann Taylor, and Linda M. Ricci of Weinreb's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit are prosecuting the cases.

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Tues, July 25: New Legacy Swing Band
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Thur, July 27: The Darren Bessette Band
Fri, July 28: Lee Lewis and the Doo Wop All Stars – Oldies
Sat, July 29: The Voice / Little Miss Hampton Beach
Sun, July 30: The Reminisants – Oldies
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Tues, Aug 1: Mike & Me, The Vic Paul Show
Wed, Aug 2: The Continentals
Thurs, Aug 3: Angela West
Fri, Aug 4: Shirley Alston Reeves' former lead vocalist of The Shirelles
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Sat, Aug 5: Flash Mob (2 p.m.)
Sat, Aug 5: Soulmate Band – Soul
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Jul 17: MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES ON THE BEACH 7:30pm across from the Playground
Jul 19: FIREWORKS 9:30pm between B and C Streets
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2pm Snow White: A Through the Looking Glass Panto - Theater in the Open
July 13th 6:30pm Summer Concert Series at West Newbury Community Bandstand
July 14th 7pm Gilligan's Island Costume Fundraiser Cruise - Hosted by The Actors Studio of Newburyport
July 16th 2pm Walking Tours/Plum Island
2pm Snow White: A Through the Looking Glass Panto - Theater in the Open
July 19th 4:30pm Red Sox Vs. Blue Jays - Newburyport Youth Services Trip
July 20th 6:30pm Summer Concert Series at West Newbury Community Bandstand
July 22nd 12pm 4th Annual Reggae Fest
July 23rd 2pm Walking Tours/Plum Island
2pm Snow White: A Through the Looking Glass Panto - Theater in the Open
July 27th 6:30pm Summer Concert Series at West Newbury Community Bandstand
July 28th 11am Greek Food Festival
5pm High School Battle of the Bands - Yankee Homecoming Event
July 29th 10am Art on Bartlet Mall - Yankee Homecoming Event
10am Kayak & Paddle Board River Races - Yankee Homecoming Event
11am 17th Annual Newburyport Kitchen Tour & Taste of the Port
11am Greek Food Festival
12pm Museum of Old Newbury Presents the History of Newburyport & Surrounding Towns - Heritage Tours
5pm Brewfest - Yankee Homecoming
7pm BLUESCRUISE - Yankee Homecoming Blues & Brews Cruise
July 30th 10am Art on Bartlet Mall - Yankee Homecoming Event
10am Olde Fashioned Sunday - Yankee Homecoming Event
10am Superior Courthouse Open House & Free Tours
11am Greek Food Festival
12pm Museum of Old Newbury Presents the History of Newburyport & Surrounding Towns - Heritage Tours
2pm Walking Tours of Plum Island
2pm Snow White: A Through the Looking Glass Panto - Theater in the Open
5:30pm BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNING ACT - Waterfront Concert - Yankee Homecoming Event
July 31st 11am Kids Talent Show - Yankee Homecoming Event
7:30pm BEACH BLAST WITH MOONLIGHT SURFERS - Waterfront Concert - Yankee Homecoming Event
Aug 1st 5:30pm WAY TO THE RIVER - Waterfront Concert Opener - Yankee Homecoming Event
7:30pm TIMMY BROWN - Waterfront Concert - Yankee Homecoming Event
Aug 2nd 10am Museum of Old Newbury Presents the History of Newburyport & Surrounding Towns - Heritage Tours
7:30pm B-STREET BOMBERS - Waterfront Concert - Yankee Homecoming Event
Aug 3rd 10am US Coast Guard Open House - Yankee Homecoming Event
10am Museum of Old Newbury Presents the History of Newburyport & Surrounding Towns - Heritage Tours
12pm Veterans Luncheon - Yankee Homecoming Event
6:30pm Summer Concert Series at The West Newbury Community Bandstand
7:30pm BEATLEJUICE - Waterfront Concert - Yankee Homecoming Event
Aug 4th 10am Museum of Old Newbury Presents the History of Newburyport & Surrounding Towns - Heritage Tour
1pm Circus Smirkus Presents Midnight at the Museum
4pm Clipper Heritage Trail History - Heritage Tours
6pm Circus Smirkus Presents Midnight at the Museum
7:30pm FOREIGNERS JOURNEY - Waterfront Concert - Yankee Homecoming
Aug 5th 10am Family Day at Maudslay
12pm Museum of Old Newbury Presents the History of Newburyport & Surrounding Towns - Heritage Tours
12:30pm & 5:30pm Circus Smirkus Presents Midnight at the Museum
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- By appointment:
  M,T,W,F 8AM-2PM
- Walk-ins:
  Thursdays, 12:00-6:30pm

Grades 9-12 register at the High School

- Walk-ins: 8:30AM -11:30AM

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Inscripción Escolar para PK-8 en el FRC

- por cita:
  L,M,M,V 8AM-2PM
- Sin cita:
  jueves, 12PM – 6:30 PM

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- Sin cita: 8:30AM to 11:30AM

August

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agosto

PK-12 School Enrollment at the FRC

- Appointments & Walk-ins:
  M,T,W,F 8-2PM
  THU 12-6:30PM

1. **Pre-register online first at www.lawrencepublicschools.org/enroll**
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Outstanding Methuen Teachers Recognized

DJ DEEB
METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Things are beginning to wind down for the year with Methuen Public Schools. At our June 12th Methuen School Committee meeting, members of the committee devoted a great deal of time recognizing and awarding citations to outstanding Methuen school educators and employees. In addition, the committee welcomed a new principal and the MHS Boys Tennis Team.

Members of the Methuen school committee, along with School Superintendent Judy Scannell, awarded citations to the following Methuen Public Schools Teachers of the Year:

1. Kathy Barden – Kindergarten Teacher – Comprehensive Grammar School
2. Stacey Zracket – 8th Grade Math Teacher – Marsh Grammar School
3. Jenny Gavin – 2nd Grade Teacher – Tenney Grammar School
4. Kate Vachon – Reading Specialist/ Special Education Teacher – Timony Grammar School
5. Edward "Bud" Jennings – English Teacher – Methuen High School

In addition, Bud Jennings was chosen for the Rotary Club of Methuen's Teacher of the Year. Finally, Bruce Stella, Director of Facilities, was awarded Methuen Public Schools 'Employee of the Year.' Bruce is always responsive to calls at all hours of the day and night when something goes wrong in the schools and is often the first to arrive to assist with managing whatever situation arises. Bruce is certainly an unsung hero in the District and this fact was noted by Superintendent Scannell, Mayor Zanni, and several of the school committee members, including yours truly.

The Methuen school committee also recognized the Methuen High School Boys Tennis Team for their recent selection to receive the MIAA Boys Tennis Team Sportsmanship Award for 2017 by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. Congratulations to these students for a job well done this year and for this very-deserving recognition!

On another note, Superintendent Scannell announced that Mary Jean (M.J.) Fawcett will be Marsh School Acting Supervising Principal for 2017-2018 replacing current Supervising Principal Stephen Sierpina as he departs to take on a new role as high school principal in Windham, New Hampshire. Mary Jean is certainly no stranger to Methuen. She is an outstanding educator and Methuen is lucky to have her. M.J. has had a long history as a career educator in Methuen, culminating with her working as principal of the Timony Grammar School before retiring and serving two terms as an elected member of the Methuen School Committee. Welcome back, M.J.!

Finally, I will likely be taking the month of August off from writing. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

D.J. Deeb is a Methuen resident and member of the Methuen School Committee. Deeb is an Adjunct Professor of History/Government at Bunker Hill Community College and an Adjunct Political Science Instructor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Deeb also serves as Social Studies Department Chair at Notre Dame High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He is the author of Israel, Palestine, and the Quest for Middle East Peace (University Press, 2013) and The Collapse of Middle East Peace (IUniverse, 2003).

Auditor Bump Calls for Improved Reporting on Drug Addicted Newborns in Audit of Lowell General Hospital

Audit Finds 9% of Lowell General Hospital's Reports to State Not Filed in Required Timeframe

BOSTON, MA — Auditor Suzanne M. Bump today called for improved processes and compliance related to reporting requirements of newborns with congenital drug addiction (CDA) born at Lowell General Hospital (LGH). The recommendations come in an audit of LGH released today by Bump's office, the first in a series of audits related to this issue.

Under state law, hospital personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of newborn babies must immediately report to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) incidence of physical dependence on an addictive drug at birth. In addition, these mandatory reporters must also file a written report to DCF within 48 hours of that notification detailing the incident.

Bump's audit found that for twelve of the 132 children born at LGH with CDA from January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016, the hospital did not send required written reports to DCF within 48 hours following the hospital's initial call to the agency to alert them to the issue. Children born with CDA are at a high risk of receiving improper treatment and care, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The audit noted that the risk of improper care is greater when incidents are not properly reported.

Additionally, the audit found deficiencies in recordkeeping of incidents of children born with CDA. The audit notes that LGH had not established adequate oversight to ensure reports were properly filed. The hospital indicated it believes the process could be improved if DCF established an electronic portal to submit these reports.

"As a state, we have a responsibility to ensure vulnerable newborns are protected," Bump said. "Getting complete information to DCF in the 48-hour window prescribed under law is essential. Failing to report all essential information can result in delays to long-term treatment plans for both the mother and the newborn. Lowell General Hospital and DCF must work together to ensure these newborns get the long-term care they need."

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), infants born with CDA are at risk of a variety of medical conditions and developmental disabilities, as well as abuse and neglect.

Lowell General Hospital was founded in 1891, and provides medical services at two main facilities in Lowell, and a variety of other centers throughout the Merrimack Valley. LGH operates 26 maternity beds and 28 bassinets, and oversaw 6,227 live births during the audit period.

The audit was conducted as part of Bump's effort to improve coordination and collaboration in the state's child-welfare programs.

From Revolution to Evolution: Lowell Could Become that Shining City on the Hill

John MacDonald
VALLEY PATRIOT LOWELL COLUMNIST

I attended the controversial special meeting at Lowell City Hall on Tuesday June 20th. As a witness to history I watched the vote for the future location of Lowell High School (LHS) take place at approximately 12:25am. After six hours of prepared remarks from seventy registered speakers that varied from professional reasoning to flat out personal attacks, the final vote from Lowell City council was 5 – 4 in favor of Option 5… a new high school to be built at Cawley Stadium.

The large balance of the evening took on a very negative tone from what turned out to be the losing side of the argument… Option 3 proponents, which would have kept the High School at its current location in downtown Lowell. Adults and numerous high school students lined up one after the other to speak on their opinion, as to where the high school for the next fifty to one-hundred years should be located. Although many speakers were respectful, a good portion of the speakers and the crowd were not. In what appeared to be an orchestrated attempt by proponents of Option 3 to change minds on the City Council, many comments from speakers defamed, criticized, targeted and tried to embarrass the councilors that had already announced their support for Option 5. A small portion of Lowell High School students screamed, snapped their fingers and showed disrespect throughout the night. I have always encouraged young adults and kids to participate and engage in the political process, but it didn't appear as though they had much adult supervision or guidance in this instance, as some students lobbed and alleged serious insults. Students alluded to unfounded improprieties towards city councilors they disagreed with. In addition, the students had a few bad examples to follow that came directly from City Councilors that openly attacked one another as the night progressed. Often the night took on an embarrassing tone, which originally was supposed to reflect the best of what Lowell has to offer in the future.

There were some positive highlights from many residents throughout the city. One of the examples that stood out to me was when Lowell resident and Lowell High Alum, Paul Haley stood at the microphone. Paul a proponent of Option 5 spoke about his pride for LHS, unity and honoring our forefathers by being respectful of the outcome. As a friend of Paul's, it made me proud to see his leadership displayed in public and for his attempt to bring a positive tone to an evening that was tough for all involved.

Then as the many speakers dwindled to the last few, a Lowell resident (whom I respect) approached the microphone and presented her views on the leadership of the council during the entire process. Her opinion was that the city council itself lacked leadership and then presented a petition signed by ten Lowell residents to place a non-binding referendum on the ballot for Lowell residents to vote on the High School location. The petition was accepted and then after a few more speakers the evening came down to the city council and their official votes.

Before the vote, Mayor Kennedy made a last-ditch attempt to try and sway fellow councilors that had previously expressed support for Option 5. Kennedy made a motion to ask that the council support the petition of ten residents and the question to be allowed on the ballot for the upcoming election in November. Much discussion took place amongst the council and often the tone was critical of one another and embarrassing, especially coming from elected leaders. The motion was defeated… 5 – 4 opposed.

For a full analysis of each councilor visit valleypatriot.com and type MacDonald in the search bar.

Roberto Mendez was 40 years old.

Body of Roberto Mendez (40) of Lawrence, Found in Spicket River

Last month, The Valley Patriot responded to a police radio call for a body floating in the Spicket River (June 12th). When we arrived, police were already on the scene. He was later identified as 40 year-old Roberto Mendez of Lawrence. Police have not yet released the cause of death.

Last month, the Lo family from Salem, NH, held their annual spaghetti dinner fundraising event in the name of their son Edmund Lo, who lost his life serving the U.S. Army in Sumara, Iraq on June 13, 2009. This year, the Los raised $5,915.00 for college scholarship money. Above are the 4 students who won this year's scholarship; each one receiving $1,250.00: Nick Arcidiacono, Rebecca Healey, Daniel Tilton, and Keith Palombo.

More Than 35 Shots at Dubai Nightclub in Lawrence, Shootout Caught on Video

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Boxford PD Blues: PART III: Chief Riter on the Record

This is the third part of our series on the changes in the Boxford Police Department. For this segment, we interviewed Police Chief James Riter on about our previous reports and where he sees the department going under his new leadership.

"When I took over I knew it was going to be a challenge," the Boxford Chief told The Valley Patriot.

"We've lost about 150 years of police experience in my first year alone with all the retirements. I knew it would be a challenge with so many guys leaving as I became chief. The process of rebuilding the department was going to mean change, and change usually means controversy."

"There was a period of change, and people don't like change, and people get suspicious about things, but I knew the direction we had to go in. I had to focus on putting all these pieces together. I knew some areas we could have handled better and I think you covered those in your previous reports."

"As far as training goes, the town paid for 2,335 hours of additional training for officers in the department just this year, not including having one guy in the academy. This is full service training; weapons training, detective school, training in school safety, use of Tasers, suicide prevention, domestic violence, impaired driving classes, juvenile issues, all the thing we have to do in the daily tasks of providing modern policing to the Town of Boxford. All the officers with specialties and specialized training have retired. So, when people filter out and retire, those jobs open up, and people move up the ranks. Just about every task of the department; drug team, sex offender grants, recordkeeping, fleet maintenance, elder affairs, all had to be reassigned to different officers, so it was quite a year."

Riter says as soon as he was hired on as chief, he started the process of contracting with an outside company to do the sergeants exam so that two sergeants could be hired. He also had to outsource other tasks.

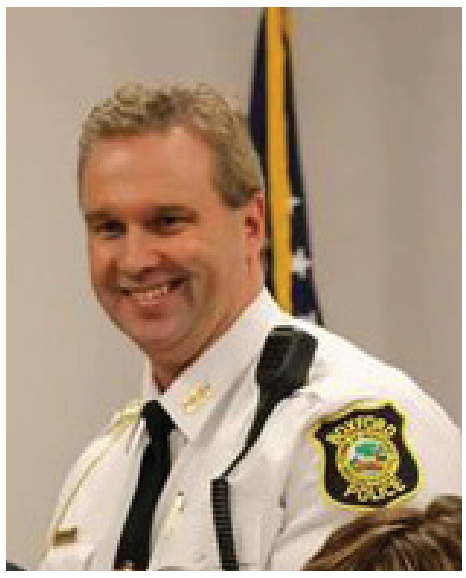
"When the new Chief on came on board about twenty years ago, in his first 5 years on the job he hired one new officer. When Chief Murphy was here he hired one officer in four year. In my first year alone I appointed four full time officers and there's still one open position. We are doing a good job with it. I just don't want to have a whole department on a weekend being staffed by probationary police officers; it's much better to have more experienced officers there patrol and help restructure the department."

Riter says he jumped into the accreditation process for the department right away, getting policies and procedures redone, revamping the computer tech abilities of the department, going paperless to save money, and getting more information out via social media to educate the public.

"I knew that one of the most difficult things I was going to have to do was to reassign all the little things Lt. Hazlewood used to handle. Now as chief, I have to do all the little things that keep this agency working. Moving forward takes some time, and it's frustrating, but it's a process and we are getting through it."

Chief Riter says that the one issue he had with The Valley Patriot's previous reports was the claim that the Boxford police have a secret computer server which is not subject to public records requests.

"I think there was an incorrect understanding by people in town, that because this was an internal server for internal use that it was a "secret server" and not subject to public records requests. But, if you send us a public records request for any information on that server we are going to give it to you as long as it is considered a public record. We have nothing to hide here, and I know rumors spread when people don't know the real facts. So, I just want to convey to your readers that, that part of the story was not correct. Yes, we have a separate computer server for internal communications, but any information on that server is subject to the same laws as any other run by the town."



The one goal Chief Riter said he wanted to focus on in the next year with all that has transpired, is to focus on educating people about the Veteran Criminal Court. The Valley Patriot will explore that in more detail in the coming months.

Editors Note: The Valley Patriot has put Chief Riter to the test on this and has officially submitted a public records request for all electronic communications to and from famed attorney and ambulance chaser Wendy Murphy in an attempt to clear up some unanswered questions in the Erin Cox scandal.

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more lethal by adding fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 100 times stronger than morphine. They often press fentanyl into pills that look just like ordinary Oxycodone pills or other legitimate prescription drugs.

Addicts have no idea they're taking a much stronger drug until it's too late. More than 70 percent of New Hampshire overdose deaths involved fentanyl in 2016.

As Senator Hassan said in a recent statement touting the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention Act, "The spread of fentanyl on our streets is exacerbating our heroin and opioid crisis . . . and the importation of fentanyl through the postal system is making our efforts to combat this crisis more difficult."

Right now, fewer than 10 percent of Americans order medicines from abroad, since it is illegal. If importation were legalized, there'd be far more packages mailed from Canada to the United States.

Law enforcement doesn't have the resources to check all these packages for illegal drugs or counterfeit pills. Canadian authorities don't inspect shipments that originate in other countries and merely pass them through transport hubs en route for America. There'd be little stopping a drug lab in China from shipping pure fentanyl or carfentanil straight to dealers or addicts in New Hampshire.

Why on earth would Senator Hassan vote for a bill that makes our opioid epidemic even worse?

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IN THE GROOVE with Cindy Annis

Jerry Lee Lewis, Part I

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Did you folks know that Jerry Lee Lewis is still alive? I know it's hard to believe, but, Jerry was born on September 29, 1935. That will make him 82 years old in September 2017. May I be so lucky!

Jerry was born in Ferriday, Louisiana to a poor farming family. He was playing piano at a young age and loved playing the keys with his cousins, Mickey Gilley, and Jimmy Swaggart. Yes! That Jimmy Swaggart. He played well and his parents, Elmo and Mamie heard this. They mortgaged their farm to get him a good piano.

Now, of course his folks didn't want him playing around with what was going to turn out to be Rock & Roll, so Mamie enrolled him in the Southwest Bible Institute. She hoped that would keep him away from that terrible sound and he would play that church gospel music, exclusively. At one of the assemblies the school was having, Jerry was at the piano. There are two versions of this story so I will tell the one I like the best. So, Jerry was at the piano at the assembly and he started playing a boogie woogie version of "My God Is Real." Jerry and the student body president were summoned to the dean's office and expelled on the spot. Jerry explained that the student president had no knowledge of what he was going to do and that he shouldn't be kicked out. So, they just kicked Jerry out, and that was that. Where can you go when you're kicked out of bible school? You go home.

Jerry went home and started playing gigs around his home town. He was slowly making a name for himself. He decided it was time to try to hit the big times. He went up to Nashville and started to play some shows around town. He went to the Grand Old Opry and he was shut down. He was told to get off the piano and learn guitar.

He made a little trek over to Memphis where Sun Records was based. He auditioned for them although the owner was away. They recorded "Crazy Arms," which was a cover of a Ray Price song, and they also did one of Jerry's songs called "End of the Road." He loved recording. He and Sun Records recorded a lot of Jerry's stuff, and Jerry was enjoying playing the piano for other artists under Sun. He played piano for guys like Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash. Next time you hear "Matchbox," or "Your True Love," listen for Jerry's distinct piano playing. These sessions he was doing were mostly Rockabilly music where there normally wouldn't be any piano. But, some of the artists liked the sound so, Sun records started something good. Adding the piano to this kind of music caught on, fast. Singers at other record labels started adding this, but you really can't miss Jerry's sound and style.

There was one session that was going on with Perkins and Jerry, and Cash was hanging around to watch this one. While they were recording, Elvis Presley came in looking to talk with Perkins. While taking a break between songs, the four of them were chatting it up in the studio. Before long they were jamming it up and playing and singing some great Gospel tunes and other songs. Remember, Jerry was still unknown to most in the business, except for around his hometown. Well, anyways, back to this session. Sam Phillips, the owner of Sun, was running the equipment that day and he managed to have the recorder on and caught the jam session on tape. How lucky! The next day the newspapers were talking about it. It was titled, "Million Dollar Quartet." That was December 4, 1956. Other songs and artists were added later. What a hit, but it didn't get released until 1990 here in the states. This is one recording you don't want to miss if you haven't gotten it, yet.

We have barely touched this guy, yet. There is so much on Jerry Lee Lewis that I think we will have to make this part 1 and part 2 will be in the next installment of "In the Grove with Cindy Annis."

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TV TALK WITH BILL CUSHING

My 2017 Emmy Wish List

Bill Cushing
VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

The Primetime Emmy nominations will be announced next week and every year I like to review the past year in TV and give my Emmy Wish List, my list of who I would like to see recognized. The past year has had so many amazing performances on TV that it will be tough to remember them all, and not everyone can be nominated. Some will be overlooked, but I hope the actors and actresses that I mention here are not among them. So here goes…

Carrie Coon (The Leftovers) – HBO's The Leftovers was the best show on TV over the past year, and it has some of the best acting on TV, in fact, you will see it mentioned a few times in this column. It was one of several excellent shows that ended this year so it will be the last time that the TV Academy will have a chance to recognize it. Carrie Coon's performance as Nora Durst, a woman who lost her entire family and chases after a chance to reunite with them, all while dealing with the loss of her adopted daughter, has been the best performance on TV for 3 years now. TVLine called her performance in the series finale, "one of the great dramatic performances of the past decade." I agree, and it definitely deserves to be recognized.

Rupert Friend (Homeland) –Rupert Friend, as Peter Quinn in Showtime's spy drama Homeland, did one of the best acting jobs of the year. Friend's role as a once strong and capable secret agent, who has become a shell of his former self, now partially disabled and brain damaged by the effects of a sarin gas poisoning was heart wrenching to watch. Hopefully the academy will remember him.

Freddy Highmore (Bates Motel) – Another of the best acting performances this year belongs to Freddy Highmore and his turn as a young Norman Bates on A&E's Bates Motel. Watching Highmore throughout this series gradually descend into madness and become the psychotic Norman Bates was incredible to see and so enjoyable for a TV fan. He is long overdue.

Matthew Rhys (The Americans) – Rhys finally broke through with a nomination last year. I'm hoping the academy nominated him again. Rhys, as Russian spy Philip Jennings, consistently delivers one of the best performances on TV.

Justin Theroux (The Leftovers) – Another of the great roles on the Leftovers, Justin Theroux and his performance as Kevin Garvey. Kevin desperately tries to save the world, his sanity, and his relationship all at the same time, and it was mesmerizing. Like Carrie Coon, Theroux should have been nominated last year. Hope the academy doesn't make the same mistake again.

Regina King (American Crime) – Regina King is always great in everything she does. In the third season of ABC's American Crime she was so believable, and so touching in her role as Kimara Walters, the social worker helping a teen deal with her unwanted pregnancy, all while wanting to get pregnant herself.

John Turturro (The Night Of) – In HBO's The Night Of, John Turturro turned in one of the best performances of his career as John Stone, an attorney always looking for the easy way out, until he took a case that woke up his passion for justice.

Aden Young (Rectify) – Aden Young has been criminally overlooked in the 4 seasons that Rectify was on the Sundance Channel. Young gives an amazing performance as Daniel Holden, sentenced to death row after being wrongly convicted of a crime, then released years later and adjusting to life on the outside. Time for the academy to recognize him.

Scott Glenn (The Leftovers) – In case you haven't caught on yet, The Leftovers had some amazing acting in it this year. Scott Glenn also contributed an incred-

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TEEN TALK WITH ANA DEBERNARDO

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This past year, I experienced an interesting change in my life, one that I was prepared for, but one that was also daunting all the same. I went to college. More importantly, it was my first time not attending Catholic school. For the most part, the friends that I had made in school up until this point had shared similar values, upbringings, and beliefs as me. Entering college, I could not have been exposed to a more eclectic group of people, and I could not have loved them more. Despite the initial mini culture shock of the first few weeks, I quickly fell into a comfortable group of friends, though they weren't quite as similar to me as I was accustomed to in a friend group. I came to see this as an enormous blessing. I had Jewish friends, Hindu friends, atheist friends, international friends, local friends, nevertheless all friends who were incredible human beings.

You know a conversation is very college when it's 3 a.m., the dorm is littered with empty wine bottles and friends who were perfect strangers just a few hours earlier are debating the existence of God on your bed. These were the conversations I looked forward to almost every week. My friends and I are not alcoholics, but you'd be surprised at how much a glass of wine can inspire lucid thinking. We'd light our contraband candles, and exchange our different beliefs. Most times, we were surprised how similarly we viewed life, yet how starkly contrasting our reasons for doing so were. Throughout these discussions, I couldn't help but observe how engaged my friends were. Sometimes, it was even more entertaining to just sit back and watch the conversation play out in front of me.

One particular conversation that has remained with me since last fall was one about encounter. While half of the engagers in the discussion posited that human beings are born with an intrinsic desire to belong to and live in community, the other half argued that, actually, evolution shows that humans are a tad more self-interested at their core. Talk of survival of the fittest and natural selection dominated their argument, and from a strictly biological standpoint, it all seemed to make a fair amount of sense. But we often disregard the fact that humanity is much more than mere science. While science does answer some of the most basic questions of life, it also fails to answer some of the most important. Science answers the how, but it doesn't even claim to answer the why. There's a reason human beings are elevated above the rest of creation. No other animal is capable of accomplishing everything that humanity has accomplished through reason alone. If we can't accept this to just be sheer evolutionary happenstance, then we must believe that this reason comes from some higher place. And if you actually start to think about it, this only makes sense. For all of the order to exist in this world, there has to have been some intelligent designer behind it all. Time and time again in history, we've seen people, through their reason and intellect, extract hidden truths from nature. E=MC^2 is hardly common sense. But this truth necessitated human agency to be discovered. If truths like these are hidden in nature, someone or something had to have put them there.

So if you believe that humans were created with a distinct purpose transcending mere evolution, it can be easily seen that all human beings share more than just reason in common. We all crave connection. It's part of what makes us human. Someone can claim to prefer a life of recluse and solitude away from other human lives, and there are some personalities that contain similar inclinations. But being an introvert, or appreciating alone time every once in a while, (or even more often than not), doesn't mean that a person lacks the desire to feel a sense of belonging, or a conviction that they are accepted by those around them.

In Buddhism, the belief teaches that the cause of human suffering is attachment to worldly things. Their self-proclaimed cure in response to this malady is detachment from anything material. In this example, it's evident that Buddhist monks would consider detachment from human life the clearest path to the celebrated

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Beneath the Surface

49th Anniversary of What Could Have Changed the World

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This month marks the 49th anniversary of perhaps the most important document written in modern times. It is a simple document, yet profound; something that can be read in less than an hour. It was written in the midst of a burgeoning movement that would later be called the 'sexual revolution,' which at the time was a tsunami waiting to be broken open. Future centuries will see this document as the dam that could have kept the tide of evil in check, a tide that would bring about a culture of death by sowing utter confusion on what it means to be a human person. Today, most people ignore this document, reject it, or simply have never heard of it. Non-Catholics see it as exclusively a Catholic thing. It is not. The importance of Humanae Vitae is universal: its object is human nature, it appeals to human reason, and its predictions are truly prophetic. It is addressed not only to Catholics, but "to all men of good will." Humanae Vitae reiterated the truth about contraception.

Why is HV so important, yet so ignored? Most people know there is something fundamentally askew about how we view life and love today. We can't seem to put our finger on it, but we see evidence in the ubiquitous drug problem, the numbers of people on prescription meds just to cope, the prominent role that counselors and lawyers have today, the way young people use each other for pleasure both voluntarily and involuntarily, the crises of human sex trafficking and pornography addiction, our divorce culture, the breakdown of the family, the increase in acceptance of homosexuality, a gender ideology that has left young people confused and frightened, and the extraordinarily high suicide rates. Something has gone haywire and we cannot fathom how it happened so quickly.

When the history e-books look back in amazement at how the western world depopulated itself so quickly in the midst of what seemed like unprecedented prosperity, it will be clear that the material catalyst was contraception. Europe, Japan, Canada, Russia, Australia, and other nations are depopulating at an alarming rate, prompting governments to offer incentives for couples to have more children. The average child per family rate has sunk to around 1.3, considerably less than replacement rate. (See www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZeyYIsGdAA.) To fill the economic void, massive immigration, legal and illegal, is being allowed through Europe and the United States. As a result western values, beliefs, and way of life are threatened. While motives for having fewer children are varied, one common motive is economic. Many have come to value money over children, while neighboring peoples who migrate continue to have large families. The numbers will tell the story.

Many internal social viruses have contributed to this cultural suicide, which begins with contraception. For example, the tragedy of divorce cannot be overstated. The death of marriage ignores one crucial metaphysical truth: When two become one, they can never truly become two again. Further, it is not surprising that the divorce culture and family breakdown has coincided with the depopulation crisis. The family is the basic social unit of human society that provides a natural buffer between the individual and the government. Tyranny arises when the family breaks down, as do dysfunctional children and unhealthy adults. Contraception is a large contributor to this growing divorce rate, for it enables couples to hold back on the total self gift of one to the other, a barrier that not only blocks life, but blocks love. In a sense it is an unspoken contract to use each other to avoid their one flesh union. Unaware of its cause, this privation of love eventually erodes the life of the union.

The current "contraception mentality," that separates the love-making from life-making, lays the foundation for a revolution against human nature. Unplanned pregnancy is now a "mistake" that prenatal homicide (abortion) can 'fix'. Premarital sex becomes the norm since the permanent bonding it creates is ignored (leading to a plethora of problems) and its power to procreate is denied. No longer is marital commitment seen as important, let alone necessary for one-flesh intimacy, weakening the bond of marriage one enters in the future. Interestingly, people who cohabitate before marriage have a far

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Ye Gay Ol' Valley

How Language Fails Sexual Identity

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Language, as do creation stories, can define us singularly and collectively. Every culture has its own language and creation stories or stories to explain why things exist. In my opinion, creation stories and those that explain certain human behavior can reveal a great deal about a culture and/or time period. Language can do that, too. What I think is even more important is not what stories and language have included but, what they have excluded. Have you ever heard a story that explains homosexuality, androgyny, or any other form of sexuality other than heterosexuality? I haven't either until recently. What does this exclusion say? The answer to that depends upon whom you are asking. To me, it says the LGBTQ+ community wasn't important enough to explain through myth or historical stories. This is not completely true.

Aristophanes, born over 400 years before Christ, relayed a story of the origin of love that he learned from Plato, his mentor. To summarize: All people were born androgynous, but we were attached to a soul mate. As a couple, they had two arms, two legs, one head, both sets of sex organs, and two faces. They were attached male-to-male, female-to-female or male to female. In order to move from one place to another, the couple rolled themselves up into a ball and rolled very, very fast. In fact they rolled so fast that they became arrogant and the gods were angered by it. Zeus wanted to keep the mere mortals in their place so he separated them, making them upright and with their own individual heads. They were scattered throughout the earth destined to search for their missing soul mate. Be it another male, another female or the opposite sex, they were burdened to forever seek each other out until, hopefully, they found one another and be whole again. Without soul mate, they were somehow less. This story did not explain human sexuality, it explained love between two humans and why we still continue to seek a soul mate be it the same sex or opposite and how wonderful it is all-inclusive, including androgyny.

Speaking of androgyny, which means that one does not identify as male or female, why is there no pronoun for those who define themselves as such? While those of us who identify as male or female have he, him, his and she, her, there is nothing for the androgynous person to use. What does this exclusion say about our society? Much to my surprise and delight, a coworker sent me an article sharing that finding terms for androgyny and then disregarding them is steeped in history. Kelly Ann Sippel noted in her 1991 graduate thesis that she discovered multiple attempts to devise gender-neutral pronouns for almost two centuries. Shey, hesch, co, per, and na are just a tiny sampling of these terms. "Sippell estimated that there had been approximately 80 suggested ways of saying "him or her" or "his or hers" in a single word that was not they or theirs." This, to me, proves that since the time of Plato and most likely since people graced the planet, the world has had a population with countless sexual identities and ways to love and yet we still have no universal epicene third-person pronoun. Again I ask, what does this exclusion mean? Our society clearly does not find it important enough to create one.

Dennis Baron wrote American Speech in 1981. In it he, like Sippel, includes a laundry list of terms going back as far as the mid-1800s that attempted to be used as a gender-neutral third-person pronoun. Unfortunately almost all of them failed except for the term thon. By definition it means, 'A proposed genderless pronoun of the third person.' To make it clear, thon would replace him, her, they, his, hers, he, she, theirs. In other words a conversation would go like this:

"Does thon want to get ice-cream?" (as opposed to, "Does she want to get ice-cream?") Get it?

According to an article by Miriam-Webster, "Thon is thought to be a contracted form of "that one," and was coined in 1858 by Charles Crozat Converse, an attorney and composer." There is much evidence to show thon was widely used and known. It appeared in various publications of Funk and Wagnall, added to the Miriam-Webster dictionary in 1934, included in crossword puzzles and even Dinosaur Comics. People knew the term and used it. Then, for whatever reason, Miriam-Webster dropped it in the early 1960s with no replacement. Another way of saying, "Thon is not important enough to acknowledge."

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A Rare and Huge Victory Against the Deep State in MA

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This week the ordinary decent folk of Massachusetts handed an honest doctor a massive victory over the cold sociopathic reptiles who pull the levers of this here state from behind various curtains.

How much of a victory? $22 million worth.

Dr. Lynn Hlatky, an accomplished cancer researcher, had made the fundamental mistake of believing that Massachusetts is a liberal progressive democratic cosmopolitan temple of learning with the rule of law. She therefore sued Harvard's very own Dana Farber Cancer Institute for gender discrimination.

Gender discrimination of course is part and parcel of the Harvard experience as shown by Dr. Sagun Tuli at the Brigham and by Dr. Carol Warfield at the Beth Israel.

Just like those two other women, Dr. Hlatky prevailed in her gender discrimination lawsuit. That is when the reptiles that control this state swung into action as they always do. The Globe reported in its Spotlight report about Dr. Dennis Burke: "The older doctor grabbed Burke's arm, as Burke recounts it, and spoke a few chilling words: You will never be forgiven."

Dr. Hlatky was never forgiven either.

She moved her esteemed cancer lab to St. Elizabeth's Hospital and out of Harvard but eventually the reptiles had their way. Her lab was defunded, stolen from her despite a contract in place and all of her staff laid off. Thirty years of knowledge and experience in the cause of curing patients with cancer was flung to the winds and Dr. Hlatky was made unemployed and unable to focus on cancer research on a daily basis.

And yet the reptiles that control this state were still not satisfied.

To ensure that Dr. Hlatky was completely obliterated, totally erased, wiped off the map of cancer research and with no possibility of ever rebuilding or becoming an extramural threat, the reptiles arranged for her entire laboratory to be dismantled physically, the equipment sold off and the precious cell cultures and cell lines she had built up over decades of hard work were incinerated.

Burnt! Gone forever. Her life's work physically turned into ash and dust.

Only that finally satisfied the reptiles in charge.

There is a special place in hell for the so-called judge, Joan Feeney, who ordered the incineration of precious cancer cell samples when she did not absolutely have to do so by law. Interestingly, the Federal Government intervened on behalf of Dr. Hlatky to block the incineration but the reptiles at Harvard proved more powerful than the United States.

Happily, however, the common decent people of Massachusetts who heard the case as members of the jury were totally appalled as all common decent people would be; common decent people who care about and for others with cancer, unlike so-called Judge Feeney. And they let their disgust be known loud and clear.

St. Elizabeth's in the interim had been purchased by Cerberus and became part of Steward Healthcare. And Steward's response to the disgust felt by common decent people? It said Dr. Hlatky was a nobody, not worth any research grant money, who had not done anything useful in her entire life. "As a physician, I feel the funds in question would be much better spent providing treatment to low-income cancer patients and other patients with chronic diseases in underserved communities – rather than enriching one disgruntled litigant," said Dr. Michael Callum, Steward's executive vice president.

Dr. Hlatky, with her comrade-in-arms throughout this reptilian travesty, Dr. Philip Hahnfeldt, has vowed to restore her cancer research lab with the money won in this lawsuit. But for their courage and steadfastness this outcome would have been impossible.

I for one wish them and all her lab staff a very happy reunion and great success in crushing cancer. Crushing the reptiles of Harvard was just the preview!

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ROBIN'S KITTY CORNER

Turning Lucifer into Lucius

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When you rescue kittens that were born outside, chances are very good that they will need some degree of socialization, or taming. Kittens born in the wild are fearful of people and will hiss and spit and run away when approached.

If you are lucky enough to capture the kittens when they are between 4 and 6 weeks old, the taming process will be fairly easy and shouldn't take much time. Kittens that are 8 weeks old will present more of a challenge, but are usually not that difficult to work with. Socializing older feral kittens is a different story.

Enter Lucifer. When he and his 2 siblings arrived at the MSPCA they were about 10 weeks old. While Lucifer's siblings were fairly friendly, Lucifer was not. He was a hissing, spitting, biting machine. Although Lucifer was young, he was not a good candidate for adoption due to his temperament. He needed work. Lots of it.

He was placed in a foster home with Jennifer Taris, a knowledgeable and experienced volunteer who has fostered many cats in the past. She immediately gave him his moniker and placed him in a crate in a quiet room. His 2 siblings were placed in another crate in the same room. From the outside looking in, it seems cruel to keep an animal in a cage. This is done only as a temporary measure during the socialization process to allow the caretaker to work with the kittens.

For the first couple of days, Jenn simply fed and watered Lucifer to give him time to get used to his surroundings. She did not try to approach him or touch him. After a week, she was able to let Lucifer's siblings out of their cage so they could explore their surroundings. Lucifer carefully watched as Jenn picked up each one of his siblings and played with them every day in his presence. He did not show any interest in participating, but he could clearly see that they were safe and having fun. Jenn put treats in Lucifer's cage every day to tempt him to come closer to her. One day, he got up enough courage to touch Jenn's finger with his nose. Jenn continued to give him treats while speaking softly to him daily. Eventually,

she had him eating out of her palm.

The time had come to start handling Lucifer. Jenn picked him up briefly, held him close, and then returned him to his cage. She did this day after day, week after week, slowly increasing the length of time that she held him. He continued to greet her with hisses daily. She did not give up. Six weeks later, Lucifer began to purr.

Jenn's other family members also helped with the socialization process. It is beneficial for kittens to get exposed to others and to get used to more than one person. Jenn's children would play with Lucifer through the bars of his cage to give him some stimulation. Over time, his cage was left open so he could be with his siblings and explore his surroundings. Jenn continued to hold him on a daily basis and the children continued to play with him and interact with him.

Four months later, Lucifer was ready to be adopted. His new family chose him on New Year's Eve. They brought him home and introduced him to their other cat "Goldenman". The two quickly became friends. It was time to change Lucifer's name to something more fitting. That's how Lucifer became Lucius, a Roman word which means "light". The name says it all.

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ible performance as Kevin Garvey, Sr. He was so good, we almost believed that only he could stop a biblical flood from happening.

Others I'd love to see nominated: Michael McKean (Better Call Saul), Clayne Crawford (Rectify), Nicole Kidman (Big Little Lies), Millie Bobbie Brown (Stranger Things), Amy Brenneman (The Leftovers), Martin Freeman (Sherlock), Vera Farmiga (Bates Motel).

The Nominations for 69th Emmy Awards will be announced on July 13th.

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tributed to consumers. State regulators approved an increase of between 3 and 6 percent this year for auto insurers that will most likely affect all customers.

First offenders would be issued a $100 fine, a second offense would be a fine of $250, and a third offense would be a $500 fine and would be considered a moving violation and surchargeable event for auto insurance purposes.

The bill now moves to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for their consideration.

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What In The World Is Going On?

Peter Larocque
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

When I think about what is going on in today's' world, I am reminded of a verse of scripture found in The Book of Genesis. Genesis 6:5, "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." God said this right before He told Noah that He was going to destroy man whom He had created from the face of the earth. In my opinion, this is why the world is the way it is today.

Every thought and imagination in the heart of many is continually evil.

No, I am not saying that God is going to destroy man from the face of the earth again by a flood. But what I am saying is that the thoughts and imaginations in many hearts today are very far from the heart of God. This Nation we live in can no longer be considered as Christian Nation. Why is this, you may be asking. What does the Bible say? I think Jesus said it best when he was confronted by the religious leaders of his day and then responded by telling them that they were of their father, the devil! John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." Their father being the Devil has no truth in him and is a liar!

Let's look at 2 Corinthians 4:4 where we read the following, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." The god of this world the devil blinds the minds of those that what? Believe not! Sometime later, the Apostle Peter talks about Jesus and how in contrast healed those who were oppressed by the devil. Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Along the same lines, Peter again admonishes the believers in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

We see clearly that the devil is the god of this world who is going around seeking those who would allow him to blind their minds from believing in Jesus. This is how the hearts of some get to the place of being continually evil; they believe the lie from the father of lies, the devil. They are blinded and go around calling black, white, and white, black, and have an anything goes mentality.

This brings me to the question, why are Christians so surprised or caught off guard when they see the systems of this world going absolutely contrary to their Christian values? For example, attempting to demand justice from a world that is blinded and values the things of the world more than the Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ is counterproductive!

Our Hope is in Christ and Christ alone and He will deal with this world and its systems. Take a look at 1 John 2:14-17, "I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

This world and all its systems are all broken and are all going to pass away! We are not called to fix this world but to tell His Story. The Story of Jesus and how He saved us from our brokenness and has overcome this world which we can read in John16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." We are called to point people to Jesus and He will fix them! When the time is right, He will make a New Heaven and Earth where we will dwell with Him forever! Let's not get distracted from Jesus Christ! He will make all things right!

But, up until then, Philippians 2:15, tells us, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;" As sons and daughters of God we shine as lights in this crooked and perverse nation and world!

I pray that as we celebrate our Nation's Independence on July 4th, we also celebrate our deliverance from this world by letting our light so shine so that the nations of the world see Jesus even in the midst of the craziness!

God bless each and every one of you!

Love you all!

Peter Larocque is married to wife Pam for 34 years, they have 3 wonderful children, and blessed with 3 grandchildren He is former Lawrence School Committee Member-2006-2009, and Baker with Demoulas, Market Basket 16 + years. You can email him at peterlarocque@hotmail.com

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stated, "Sometimes we would inject a vial of morphine and clean up the wound, then sprinkle sulfa powder on it before we bandaged them up. The litter platoon would remove them from the area as quick as possible."

Joe and his company were involved in the Guadalcanal and Bougainville Campaigns. The Bougainville Campaign was a series of land and naval battles of the Pacific campaign of World War II between the Allied forces and the Empire of Japan. Sgt. LaGrasse's selfless act of rescuing wounded allied forces from the Japanese earned him the Bronze Star. "We just went in and took our men back…" Joe stated, teary eyed.

The medals he received for his service were: Asiatic – Pacific Campaign medal, WWII Victory medal, National Defense medal, Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

The following statement is from the Army paperwork that reads: Sgt. Joseph S. LaGrasse was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, January 30, 1944. During a combined tank-infantry attack, Sgt. LaGrasse, section leader of a litter platoon, completely disregarded his own safety, went forward beyond his unit's lines and under intense enemy fire assisted in evacuating the wounded.

Joe was honorably discharged from the Army in 1944. He returned home to Lawrence, MA. He married, had five children and continued to work as a mason. One favorite memory Joe shared was how he met his wife Rose. It was at the Feast of the Three Saints in Lawrence. "I saw her in the crowd and ran to catch up to her. Once I caught her, I introduced myself and we were together from then on." Joe chuckled.

Over the years, Joe built houses, designed cement walls and poured concrete floors. He also kept up with veteran events and still walks in parades. He walked a little in this past Memorial Day parade. Joe is a member of the Benjamin Cardillo Post in Lawrence (an Italian Post).

Joe has 17 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Joe was still active and living in his own house until just last year. Joe's son Joe Jr. stated his dad worked in his company for years doing maintenance. He was doing this until he was ninety one. After that Joe maintained the building suites and did light cleaning up to a few years ago.

Joe resides at a lovely assisted living facility in North Andover. Thank you Mr. LaGrasse for your brave and courageous service!

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"So what," you may say. It's a big deal. If someone says, "She", you know it refers to a female. If someone says, "He," you know the person being referred to is a male but, if you use, "They," to whom does this term refer to? The term THON would tell everyone that this is a person who identifies neither as a male or female, but still deserves respect. Words are important. Names are important. Every person is important. If they have no way to be identified, then they become unimportant and fodder for those who are incapable of embracing those that are not defined within the confines of their limited minds. Some Native American tribes believed that until a person was given a name, they did not exist. Naming ceremonies were a major rite of passage much like baptism is to most Christians. Excluding terms of identity from any language is sending a message that a particular person is not important enough to recognize, therefore, they don't exist. But they do, we all do. We have since before Christ.

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PHARMA FROM PAGE 4

million dollars, and J & J executives have cashed in just under ninety-million dollars per Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) Form-4 filings. Not quite public health insurer pay days, but not bad either, other opioid manufacturers are privately held and that data is not available.

Much like Wall Street, no matter how much crime is committed, Big Pharma opioid manufacturers have the added benefit of a death-for-profit business model. In both cases, Wall Street and Big Pharma political affiliation does not matter, both are equal opportunists when it comes to campaign and lobbying spending. Being a Democrat or Republican does not immunize from the allure of money, as both Party's enjoy money from ill-gotten gains, filled with not only destruction of American families economic well-being, but also their deaths. Maybe someday a real Democrat from Massachusetts will stand out from the crowd and start putting executives and others responsible for such carnage in prison where they belong instead of the status quo of fining their "death-for-profit" business models.

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for the public hearing. Maybe they had some inside information, because the public hearing was cancelled. The Council had mistakenly put it on the agenda before getting the recommendation of the Planning Board. More wasted time.

At the same meeting, we had a presentation by the Lawrence Youth Council talking about student issues, including the need for a student bill of rights. During the comments afterward, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez suggested that this document be tabled so that if the group ever wanted to come before the council again, it wouldn't have to be put on the agenda.

The City Council would do well to remember that the Open Meeting Law doesn't just apply to important items. If an item is so unimportant that the people do not need to be forewarned it will be discussed, then maybe it shouldn't be on the agenda. They should be doing city business, the meetings are not supposed to be a feel good celebration of the "greatness" of this city and a place to pander for votes.

BOOK REVIEW: *DARK MATTER*

Sue Piazza
VALLEY PATRIOT BOOK REVIEW

Dark Matter by Blake Crouch © 2016 by Blake Crouch Published by: Crown Publishing Group, New York

Hardcover: $26.99. At 342 pages it includes an Acknowledgement. This book is also available as an eBook and as an audio book from Penguin Random House.

Genre: Science Fiction, Suspense

5 out of 5 Bookmarkers

If you like The Big Bang Theory.

If theoretical physics makes you warm.

If you Google string theory.

Then this book is for you.

Blake Crouch, an eclectic writer, was probably best known for his Wayward Pines trilogy until his book, Good Behavior. His Wayward Pines became a popular television series, as has Good Behavior. This book, Dark Matter, appears to be destined to follow a similar popular path. It will be released as a feature film in theatres in the near future.

It is not difficult to see why his works succeed as well as they do, Mr. Crouch has a way with words. I can see, experience them. Example: "He kisses her out of nowhere, backing her up against the cabinets, the counter digging into her back …" I can feel the counters pressure against my body.

Mr. Crouch has a decidedly different writing style. Many sentences are clipped, short sentences with no verb. Many of his paragraphs comprise only one sentence. Initially, his style may be disarming, but it is a method one easily adapts to.

Foreshadowing in the first few pages gives us an inkling of what will follow but what exactly will happen is unfathomable. This is the joy of reading his work – the surprise twist. The author is a master of taking us to a destination other than the place we were prepared to go to.

The plot is well developed. The addition of science adds credence to the plot. The characters are well developed. Their back-story is well suited to their role in the novel. Dialogue is consistent with their part in the novel.

James Dessen attends a party for an old college friend, Ryan Holder, who has just won the Pavia Prize, a prestigious scientific award. Ryan openly admits that Jason was smarter and that if he had stuck with his research he would have won the award, and changed the world.

On his way home after the party, Jason cannot help but think about his life and the road not taken.

Jason and his wife Daniella were both up and coming talents in their respective fields. Their lives took a different path when they decided to marry and instead of pouring energy into their careers devoted their time to their relationship and newborn child.

While enjoying the night air and solitude of a deserted street, Jason is kidnapped and rendered unconscious. He wakes to a life that is not his. No longer a married professor with a son, he is instead a single, world-renowned physicist with no children. He has cracked the code on the research he had abandoned years earlier when Daniella became pregnant. Now he is in a world where he did develop his creation but never married, never had a child.

This novel is about alternative universes and choices. It deals with life. Did you settle? Were there things you wished you had done that you did not do? Where would you be right now if you had taken that job? Not broken up with that person? What would your life be like if you had taken a different path along the way? We make many choices on a daily basis. What if there was a world, a multi-world, where all those choices exist? Each choice we did not make, was made.

In this book Crouch investigates the "Many World Theory" of quantum mechanics. At its simplest, anything that can happen will happen, and has happened. Each choice we did not take was taken in a different universe each of which is as real as the one we now exist in.

The title for this novel, Dark Matter, comes from science. Since I cannot explain this concept better than the author's Jason Dessen, I'll let his words speak for him. "Most astrophysicists believe that the force holding stars and galaxies together – the thing that makes our whole universe work – comes from a theoretical substance we can't measure or observe directly. Something they call dark matter. And this dark matter makes up most of the known universe."

This novel, though a mix of physic theories, is really reader friendly. Both times I read this book I ignored the quantum mechanics it dealt with. I focused on the story for its own merits. After the second reading and while writing this column I did research many of the scientific terms. I had not wanted to do so earlier because I did not want to break the flow of this love-suspense story. Though the science adds a different dimension to the story, the plot stands on its own.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Wondering "what if" supplied additional depth to the time spent between the pages. An interesting read well worth the time

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committee positions on this ballot, right next to this position. But Mr. Kennedy is from Lynnfield, and this ballot is for Reading. Wrong town for a city councilor. And the spelling, "Councillor" is not spelled the same as a city councilor. Instead, it's spelled in the old English spelling, as this position has been around Massachusetts longer that we have had cities, longer than we have been part of the United States. Mr. Kennedy is running for the Governor's Council on this ballot. The King of England set up the position of "Councillor" to advise the Governor back in 1686.

But no one has modernized the Massachusetts ballot to change the name from the confusing term "Councillor" to the more common term "Governor's Council". Three hundred and thirty years later, the world has changed, but the text of the ballot has not.

This year, Massachusetts Senate Bill S.399 was submitted to eliminate this confusion. The simple, one sentence bill changes the ballots in Massachusetts to say "Governor's Council" to eliminate the confusion with city council positions.

There is no cost to this bill, and will help the voters in future elections to understand what they are voting for.

The bill is currently pending in the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Laws. A hearing was held on May 11th, and the bill is waiting for additional input from the public. If S.399 receives enough letters of support, the Committee will move the bill to the Massachusetts Senate. An email to Chairwoman Ann Gobi at anne.gobi@masenate.gov would be very helpful in moving this bill into law. Please send an email to her today.

NORTHEAST MASS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

As the 2016-17 season draws to a close, Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras (NMYO) is proud to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of its musicians who were accepted to the MMEA Northeastern District Festivals.

Of NMYO's members from Andover and North Andover, the following students were accepted into the Senior District Festival: Gavin Batsimm, Samuel Garth, Oliver Pawelek, Avery Wendell, Alex Zeng, and Samuel Zhang. Those accepted into the Junior District Festival include Caleb Ginsburg, Emma Greaves, Ariel Kim, and Katie Maloney.

Join NMYO! There are still spots available for certain instruments for the upcoming 2017-18 season, including: young string players for the Prelude and Overture String Ensembles, advanced string players (especially violists) for the Symphony Orchestra, French horn and other brass instruments in Wind Ensemble, and flutists for the Flute Choir. To register for an audition, check the audition requirements for your instrument and learn more about NMYO at www.nmyo.org. Or, phone NMYO with your questions at (978) 309-9833.

'OPIOID ADDICTION GROUP TO HOLD FUNDRAISER - Our friend Phil Lahey, president of Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project (MVPASAP) is hosting their annual fund raising event on September 23rd, at the Greater Lawrence Technical School from 4pm to 8pm. MVPASAP is a non profit education group that focuses on heroin and opioid addiction and provides help for family members of addicts. The theme for this year is "To Be Aware is to Be Alive; The Miracles Recovery" MCPASAP is a growing and successful community group and they need funds to continue their mission. This year they are asking community business owners to be a sponsor in their ad book. Your support will help them to continue their fight against substance abuse. Call your colleagues, friends and family to be in their ad book. Stop the Oioid crisis.

OBITUARY DEE CHATTIN

Diane "Dee" Martell Chattin, age 71, formerly of Lawrence, Massachusetts, passed away on Friday, June 23, 2017 surrounded by loving family at Seasons Hospice Center in Rosedale, Maryland.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to her church community. She is survived by her husband, Scott Chattin; her son, John Stropparo and wife Susan Stropparo, and their daughter, Sophia Stropparo, and their son, Andrew Briggs; her daughter, Elisabeth Stropparo, and her son, Ben Fivel; and daughter, Tina Williams and husband James Williams, and their sons, Aidan and Peyton Williams; and estranged son, Thomas "T.J." Duggan; and daughter, Melissa Delosantos, and their children.

Dee loved to cook for people and cater weddings and touched everyone's life she came in contact with. A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Greater Grace World Outreach located at 6025 Moravia Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21206.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Chattin Family in care of the Greater Grace World Outreach located at 6025 Moravia Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21206.

YOUR MONEY WITH ALEX TALCOTT

Small Savings Can Make a Big Difference

Alex Talcott
VALLEY PATRIOT MONEY COLUMNIST

It can be easy to overlook the importance of saving for retirement, especially when you're focused on shorter-term financial priorities such as buying a new car or saving for college. However, it's crucial to consider your long-term financial security and make saving for retirement a priority. If you start early and save regularly, even small sums can grow into significant retirement savings. Additional money you save today may have years – or even decades – to grow before you need it for retirement.

Where and how you save is important, but for now consider the following two examples to see how saving a dollar a day or an additional one percent could make a big difference in helping you retire with confidence.

Set aside one extra dollar per day

To start, set a goal of saving the equivalent of one dollar per day. Or if you're already saving, strive to save one dollar more per day. If you invest this $365 over 30 years, earning an average annual return of seven percent a year, your dollar-a-day commitment would grow to nearly $34,500. If you extend this commitment to 40 years, the total accumulated more than doubles to just shy of $73,000. That's a meaningful amount of money when you consider the minimal effort needed to save one dollar per day.

Boost savings by one percent

You can also consider boosting your savings by one percent. Let's say you are committed to setting aside five percent of your income for retirement. For this example, we'll assume you began saving when you earned a salary of $30,000 per year in 1987 and your salary rose by three percent per year for 30 years. If you continued to save five percent of your income and earned a seven percent average annual return, you would accumulate approximately $208,000 over those three decades.

But what if you choose to boost your savings to six percent of your income? Over that 30-year period, you would increase your nest egg to nearly $250,000. One percent of additional annual savings could add up to 20 percent more in accumulated savings at the end of 30 years.

It pays to get started

No matter how small the dollar amount or how modest any additional savings may be, your diligence and patience can be rewarded. You don't need a lump sum of money to start saving. Whether it's one dollar more or a one percent increase, any amount can help you get closer to achieving your financial goals. Now, the most important part is getting started.

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Patrick & Claudia Mcdonough, Christopher & Elizabeth Finn, 16 Dorset Circle, $50,000.00

Karin Osbourne, Jochen Kruecker, 68 Phillips St., $765,000.00

Karin Osbourne, Kirsten Green, 68 Phillips St.,

Norman & Suzanne Goldberg, Michael & Lisa Mackenzie, 27 Hemlock Road, $750,000.00

Julie Kuzio, Charlotte Bairos, 20 Avon St., $390,000.00

Jianming Han & Lei Gao, Michael Gebo, 7 Tobey Lane, $552,500.00

Jianming Han & Lei Gao, Kelly Martin, 7 Tobey Lane,

Eric & Samatha Halverson, Azani Realty Trust, 15 Swan Lane Unit 3, $765,000.00

Shawsheen River Realty LP, Qingqing Ai, 204 Andover St. Unit 201, $225,000.00

Alexander & Janine Martinelli, Bradford & Meghan Thompson, 3 Dandelion Dr. , $815,000.00

Sarah Lentz, Christopher Macphee, 9 Hall Ave., $473,000.00

Sarah Lentz, Jenna Leighty-Boschetto, 9 Hall Ave.,

Jamie Stafford-Evans, Michael Silverman, 49 Lupine Road Unit 7, $255,000.00

Srinivasan Ravikumar, Scott Fink, 4 Coventry Lane, $895,000.00

Srinivasan Ravikumar, Christine Genaitis, 4 Coventry Lane,

Joel Shapiro, Tyler Jensen, 80 Washington Park Dr. Unit 10, $159,000.00

Cheryl Topp 2002 Revocable Trust, Glauco & Mara Coelho, 1 Dandelion Dr., $740,000.00

David & Audrey Barker, David & Theresa Brown, 4 Downing St., $615,000.00

Patch Development LLC, Vishal & Pratima Jayakumar, 244 River Road, $770,000.00

Erica & Edward Ross, Gregory Minott, 26 Shawsheen Road, $434,000.00

Anuraj Shah & Stephanie Pierce, Richard Whitney, 53 High St., $420,000.00

Edwin & Mary Dean & Linda Badeau, Black Sun Investments LLC, 450 South Main St., $340,000.00

Laurie Leyne, Robert Russell Witt, 56 1/2 Summer St., $673,500.00

12 Bannister Road Realty Realty Trust, Keith & Jennifer Meneses, 12 Bannister Road, $557,000.00

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Patrick Timmons, George Heffernan, 22 Railroad St. Unit 501, $500,000.00

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Young Han Kim & Hea Jeoung Shim, Wen Yang, 6 Hawk Ridge Road, $802,000.00

Young Han Kim & Hea Jeoung Shim, Yan Zhao, 6 Hawk Ridge Road,

Boston Properties LP, Dunham Ridge LLC, Cummings Properties Employees Trust of 2014 LLC, 40 Shattuck Road, $12,000,000.00

Mary Palermo, Daniel & Stacy Vail, 17 Bowdoin Road, $415,000.00

Ingrid Bowes, Jianfeng Li, 33 Clark Road, $525,000.00

Ingrid Bowes, Aijuan Huang, 33 Clark Road,

15 Strawberry Hill Road Realty, Brian & Elizabeth Schwab, 15 Strawberry Hill Road, $1,050,000.00

Murphy Family Trust, E. Victor & Veronica Pierni, 12 Meadow View Lane, $1,135,000.00

Stephen Harry, Duc Long Nguyen, 70 North Main St. Unit 70, $431,000.00

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Jeffrey & Judith Waters, Jayavarma Datla, 1 Michael Way Unit 45, $430,000.00

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Morgan Investment Trust, Elaine F. Murphy Real Estate Trust, 15 Shipman Road, $686,000.00

Lexicon Government Services LLC, Vijayanth & Seema Kumar, 231 Highland Road, $680,000.00

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69 North St. LLC, Guangyu Shen, 26 Boardwalk Dr. Unit 26, $589,900.00

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Anthony & Michelle Desantis, Sara Mudholkar, 5 Beech Circle, $499,900.00

Rodrigo Lamadrid Castro, Zachary & Julia Kahr, 60 Center St. Unit 2, $200,000.00

Donna Poires, Ankush & Nisha Kaul, 17 Muirfield Circle Unit 3-2, $1,215,000.00

Nikki & Elizabeth Williams, Susan Kearny, Huseni & Sofi Kapadia, 1 Powder Mill Square Unit 110A, $330,000.00

Reliance Realty Trust, Majid & Tina Vakilynejad, 3 Candida Way, $824,900.00

Erin & Adam Finelli Living Trust, Christopher Hart, 96 Nortn Main St. Unit 4, $180,000.00

Kathryn Ondek, Rory Igo, 249 Andover St., $499,000.00

Kathryn Ondek, Jennifer Lauver, 249 Andover St.,

Nathan & Kellie Altaffer, Kristen Vaughan, 19 Abbot Bridge Dr., $540,000.00

Jones Family Revocable Trust, Patricia Medina, 1200 Spring Valley Dr. Unit 1200B, $289,000.00

Taylor Cove Development LLC, James & Boreen Glenning, 13 Taylor Cove Dr. Unit 31, $739,900.00

Harris Realty Trust, Andrea Buonaugurio, 12 Woodhaven Dr., $720,000.00

Harris Realty Trust, Geoffrey Dorenzo, 12 Woodhaven Dr.,

Christopher & Nicole Blongiewicz, Timothy & Yun Shi Liponis, 7 Beech Circle, $465,000.00

Kevin & Geraldine Kelley, Geoffrey Eads, 77 Maple Ave., $860,000.00

Kevin & Geraldine Kelley, Kate McKenna, 77 Maple Ave.,

Linda Zazula, Martin & Linda Kent, Robert Mcisaac & kelly Mcisaac-Smith, 14 Corbett St., $565,000.00

Louis Stella III, William & Debra Hewson, 15 Charlotte Dr., $630,000.00

Kevin & Patricia Muldoon, Edward Rockett, Joel Jacob & Monica Orielly-Jacob, 7 Jefferson Lane, $605,000.00

Lynn Cartwright, Cattle Crossing LLC, 261 Beacon St., $220,000.00

Jeffco Inc, Jinsoo Kim, 4 Candida Way, $789,900.00

Jeffco Inc, Haewon Baek, 4 Candida Way, $649,900.00

Meissa L. Shoer Family Trust, Jeremy & Nadia Barsamian, 14 Apache Ave., $860,000.00

Robert & Patricia Derba, Ernesto & Micaela Zilberberg, 7 Whispering Pines Dr.,

Peter & Daniela Stark, Louis Stella III, 10 Sherry Dr., $650,000.00

Peter & Daniela Stark, Kathryn Ondek, 10 Sherry Dr.,

Abbas Fathi, James & Barbara Bates, 9 Wild Rose Dr., $535,000.00

Kyle & Kara Geiselman, Robert Covert, 22 Tiffany Lane, $650,000.00

Kyle & Kara Geiselman, Heather Nutter, 22 Tiffany Lane,

Reliance Realty Trust, Nicholas & Jill Piscopo, 10 Candida Way, $825,000.00

Sreekumar & Preetha Menon, John Tat, 10 Cassimere St., $895,500.00

Sreekumar & Preetha Menon, Shanshan Zhao, 10 Cassimere St.,

Melissa & K. Aynsley Rosenbaum, Christine Tardif Kellerd, 140 Andover St., $465,000.00

Michael & Gale Batismm, Nicholas & Samantha Demagistris, 5 Island Way, $711,000.00

4 Worthen Place Realty Trust, Berryzad Ramadan, 4 Worthen Place, $1,075,000.00

4 Worthen Place Realty Trust, Amr Elbasiony, 4 Worthen Place,

Dong & Juyun Kim, Michael & Kimiko Vecchione, 8 Cardinal Lane, $670,000.00

Stillwell Family Investment Trust, Matthew & Lindsey Chatterton, 16 Old School House Road, $655,000.00

David & Kathleen Chapman, Susan Lee Bruce, 34 Martingale Lane Unit 17, $550,000.00

LAWRENCE

Andre Wassouf, K&G Realty Trust, 264 East St. Unit 24 Bldg 3, $85,000.00

Juana Interiano, Marta Pacheco, 139 Beacon St., $289,900.00

Lorna Karongo, Samuel Richards, 62-6 Water St., $338,000.00

Geraldine Houde, Hildo Compres, 90 Greenfield St., $152,000.00

Hilda Castillo, Rigoberto Lopez, 20-22 Maple St., $365,000.00

Natividad Rosario, Santa & Juan Cardenes, 57-59 Milton St., $440,000.00

David & Sharon Field, Nieves Corona Perez, 417 High St., $430,000.00

David & Sharon Field, Ana Perez Espinal, 417 High St.,

Yesenia Palacios, Berkeley Equity Partners LLC, 131 Berkeley St. Unit 4, $129,900.00

Lori Napoli & Gail Alario, Edith Aguilar, 60 Kendall St., $360,000.00

525 South Broadway Realty LLC, 525 Lawrence Partners LLC, 525 South Broadway, $450,000.00

Gina Ardagna & Cynthia Sirois-Roberge, Martha Duran, 18 Montgomery St., $264,900.00

Gina Ardagna & Cynthia Sirois-Roberge, Marino Elsinio Rodriguez, 18 Montgomery St.,

Emely Bayron, Johanny Gomez, 25-27 Byron Ave., $385,000.00

Daher Group Inc, Juan Collazo, 11-13 Doyle St., $387,900.00

Daher Group Inc, Deborah Torres, 11-13 Doyle St.,

Luz & Victor Perez, Israel & Marleny Rodriguez, 12-14A Rowe St., $361,900.00

Robert Ferraro, 372-374 Rear Broadway LLC, 110 Marston St., $300,000.00

W W Grainger Inc, Cakm Realty Associates LLC, 121 Marston St., $1,900,000.00

Anthony & Janet Didio & Susan Mcloughlin, Ketzy Colon, 28 Cyr Dr., $319,900.00

Leonard Blum, Jeffrey Castillo, 128-134 Bailey St., $510,000.00

Jose Vargas, Jose Pena, 80 Walut St., $337,000.00

Jennifer Zelaya, Irving Caraballo, 340 Lawrence St., $380,000.00

Johanne Frias, Akshar Drashti Real Estate Inc, 258-260 Jackson St., $500,000.00

Juan Arias & Gladys Torres, Makeover Pros LLC, 15-17 Pleasant Terrace, $55,000.00

Diverse Real Estate LLC, Eduardo Sierra, 155 Saratoga St., $108,000.00

Diverse Real Estate LLC, Lorena Salazar, 155 Saratoga St.,

Edwin & Yraina Fermin, Yomayra Avila-Mercedes & Radhames Mercedes, 60 Washington St., $295,000.00

Andre & Isabel Cofresi, Dilcia Almonte, 88 E. Haverhill St., $200,000.00

Doris Turmel, Dennis turmel, 162 Sanborn St., $175,000.00

Tudisco Family Realty Trust, George & Kemelin Domenech, 14 Stevens St., $490,000.00

Robert Ross, Flor, Victor, & Elmer Lappost, 479-481 Andover St., $327,500.00

Lisa & Armani Alonzo, Silvia Villa Depita, 61 Eutaw St., $249,500.00

Lisa & Armani Alonzo, Cesar Jose Pita Villa, 61 Eutaw St.,

Benchmark Realty Trust, Thomas & Susan Barksdale, 10-12 Dracut St., $252,500.00

Wells Fargo Bank N A, Karim Vargas, 41 Maple St. Unit 29, $111,999.00

Francisco Maria, Karim Vargas, 41 Maple St. Unit 29, $4,000.00

Loaiza Omar & Evelyn Montes, Feliz Cruz, 10 Stearns Ave., $310,000.00

Bank of New York Mellon TR, Ana Inoa, 83 Allston St., $150,000.00

Jeovanny Vargas & Johane Rosario, Rachelyn Guzman Minier, 14-16 Grove St., $315,000.00

Jeovanny Vargas & Johane Rosario, Yariel Dominguez Guzman, 14-16 Grove St.,

Rosemary Geraldino, Altagracia Gomez, 44 Spruce St., $375,000.00

Laurence Johnston, Derick Serrano, 312 Water St. Unit 18, $101,400.00

Charles, John, & Salvatore Mosto, Ida Roig, 21 Marique Dr., $290,000.00

Leonard & Charles Maroun, Leonarda Espinal, 189 High St., $210,000.00

Leonard & Charles Maroun, Luis Peralta, 189 High St.,

Kathleen & Stephany Fleming, Frederick Conway, 7 Zanni Ave., $286,000.00

Ellen Polizzotti & Ernest Bourassa, Elidania Terrero, 40-42 Byron Ave., $400,000.00

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Nidia Canino, Johairy Lara, 20 Knox St. Unit 10, $113,000.00

Johairy Lara, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 20 Knox St. Unit 10, $109,610.00

HSBC Bank USA NA TR, HSBC BANK USA NA TR, 19 Bellevue St. Unit MH4, $79,000.00

Ynocencio & Anthony Duran, Noel Rivera, 8-10 Margin St., $350,000.00

Ynocencio & Anthony Duran, Gabriela Rivera Delossantos, 8-10 Margin St.,

Freddy Castillo Perez & Maria Almanzar, William Sandoval, 11 Trenton St., $150,000.00

George Conrad, Jesus Bueno, 151 Salem St., $180,000.00

Sirron Development LLC, Ronald Lopez, 18-20 Sargent St., $415,000.00

West Beacon St. Realty Trust, RJS Development LLC, Glenn St., $57,000.00

Cosaxij Yejudis Vokpejon, Jose Guevara, 665 Lowell St., $230,000.00

Maxwell Trejo, Darleny Melo, 15 Vine St., $414,900.00

Maxwell Trejo, Sammy Rosario Medina, 15 Vine St.,

Cinthia Liriano-Pena & Susana Liriano, Jorge Rodriguez, 186 Mount Vernon St., $370,000.00

Fernando Medeiros, Jacqueline Leonardo, 20 Knox St. Unit 21, $90,000.00

Juan Gonzalez, Luis Colon, 28 Hamilton St. Unit 1, $180,000.00

Manchester Heights LLC, La Belle Maison LLC, 62-66 Manchester St., $500,000.00

Russell & Karen Aubrey, Correa Properties LLC, 623 South Union St., $164,000.00

29 Berkley St. Trust, Felix Menendez, 19 Phillips St., $215,000.00

US Bank NA TR, Daher Group Inc, 9 Woodland Court, $182,000.00

Sergio Villa, Anny & Angel Cruz, 12 Acton St. Unit 206, $65,000.00

Daniel Rooney, Juan Valerio, 27 Abbott St., $340,000.00

Joseph & Nicole Ciras, Emily Zinsmeister, 89 South Dowdoin St., $225,000.00

James & Jean Lafrancis, Ana Herrera, 30 East Platt St. Unit B, $200,000.00

Salvatore Valente , z4Jordan Properties LLC, 102-114 Water St., $1,890,000.00

Cipriano Vargas, Cruz Frances, 29 Monmouth St., $250,000.00

Shawn Daly, Augustin Rosario, 14 Pere Marquette St., $258,000.00

Cary Martinez, MH Properties LLC, 151-153 Saratoga St., $540,000.00

Matilde Callahan, Elmer Sandoval, 182 Andover St., $277,000.00

Frank Distefano, Nazem Azzi, 12 Colonial Terrace, $280,000.00

Frank Distefano, Thomas Huck, 12 Colonial Terrace,

LLB Construction Inc, Alejandro Rios, 46-48 Marble St., $392,000.00

LLB Construction Inc, Faviola Ortiz, 46-48 Marble St.,

Jugal Sharma, Alejandro Depena, 50 Marston St., $150,000.00

Jean Croteau, Daniel & Jessenia Miranda, 51 Emmett St., $193,000.00

Antonio Fiore, Brickstone Phase One LLC, 713-717 Haverhill St., $425,000.00

Dorothy Kissel, Jose Diaz, 18 Packard St., $263,000.00

NORTH ANDOVER

Patrick & Tammy Dello Russo, Andrew & Stephanie Amann, 1465 Forest St. Ext, $645,000.00

Virgina Alfano, Celeste Difruscia, 350 Greene St. Unit 411, $300,000.00

Dionesia & Christopher Cifra, Peter Mapstone, 200 Chickering Road Unit 102B, $275,000.00

JSL II Realty Trust, Eric Goodwin, 189 High St., $335,000.00

JSL II Realty Trust, Aimee Sullivan, 189 High St.,

John Larkin, David Towler, 4 Walker Road Unit 2, $157,000.00

North Andover Realty Corp, George & Vasiliki Hatzigiannis, 48 Regency Place, $1,250,000.00

Allen Stone, Michele Sabri, 4 Harvest Dr. Unit 221, $305,000.00

Deborah & Charles Papalia, Anne Macdonald, 125 Mufflin Dr., $535,000.00

Deborah & Charles Papalia, Elizabeth Ales, 125 Mufflin Dr.,

Michael & Sondra Finegold, Stuart & Eleanor Sobel, Edward & Melissa Hondzinski, 84 Cotuit St. Unit 2, $255,000.00

David Giuliano, Silvana Adami, 863 Winter St., $700,000.00

Rebecca Ann Wildes-Larson, Corey Steele, 11 Camden St., $365,000.00

Sarah & Brian Trombly, Carla Warren, 139 Massachusetts Ave., $249,900.00

Joseph Owen Cronin, Susan Sauls, 81 Beverly St. Unit 1, $320,000.00

NA Water St. Empire LLC, Justin Grocki, 69 Water St. Unit 1, $254,900.00

NA Water St. Empire LLC, Mary Kate Roberts, 69 Water St. Unit 1,

Michael Rowe, Melissa Tucci, 1 Harvest Dr. Unit 111, $237,000.00

Cheryl Fiore, Ahern & Cristina Lippman, 90 Hitching Post Road, $875,000.00

Stuart & Joseph Hicks, Benjamin & Rachel Kim, 415 Massachusetts Ave., $400,000.00

Joel & Lauren Parker, Stuart & Joseph Hicks, 49 Bradstreet Road, $540,000.00

Berry/114 Co LLC, Pavan Panchapakeshan, 44 Compass Point Unit J1, $468,600.00

Berry/114 Co LLC, Deepti Ananya Sridhar, 44 Compass Point Unit J1,

Wells Fargo Bank N A TR, Brad Spinosa, 131 Appleton St., $316,934.00

Tracey Zysk, Kenneth Bergeron, 2 Walker Road Unit 3, $125,000.00

Michael & Julie Pabian, Robert Tanso, 72 Beverly St. Unit 4, $333,250.00

Paul Wise, Matthew & Danielle Lacolla, 72 Peach Tree Lane, $850,000.00

TKZ LLC, Mark & Nadone Levin, 1661 Great Pond Road, $886,000.00

Wendy, Donna, & Peter Hadley, Amy Spencer, 48 Kingston St. Unit 48, $250,000.00

Michael & Mary Miele, Xiongwen Pan, 143 Webster Woods Lane, $928,500.00

Michael & Mary Miele, Louis Francoeur, 143 Webster Woods Lane,

Arya Farahmand, Patricia Dimarzo, 148 Main St. Unit O-501, $283,000.00

Berry/114 Co LLC, Khwaja Khan, 4 Compass Point Unit J2, $457,585.00

Roth & Associates LLC, Asia Zaheen, 231 Sutton St. Unit 1A, $450,000.00

Robert & Roseann Rivard, 9 Windkist Farm Road Realty Trust, Windkist Farm Road, $275,000.00

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Stephen Mccarthy, 510 Dale St., $420,000.00

Manuel Javier, Ty Huynh, 100-102 Union St., $490,000.00

Manuel Javier, Koeun Nhan, 100-102 Union St.,

Louis Scutellaro Revocable Trust, Glen R. Frank Revocable Trust, 1 Harvest Dr. Unit 102, $290,000.00

Leonard & Karen Robinson, Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union, 174 Gray St., $106,000.00

Glenn, June, & Rebecca Guarente, Harvard University Employees Credit Union, 10 Elm St., $170,000.00

Lori Crane, Sharonview Federal Credit Union, 87 Kara Dr., $30,000.00

Sushil & Ritu Gupta, Sanjeev & Seema Gupte, 162 Amberville Road, $670,000.00

Steven & Lorraine Flora, Christopher & Caitlin Angiolollo, 75 Windkist Farm Road, $885,000.00

Amanda Ricci, Julie Jensen, 14 Edgelawn Ave. Unit 7, $172,000.00

Anthony & Erin Pizzimenti, Mark & Amy Vera, 27 East Pasture Circle, $665,000.00

Toussaint Carryl, Paul & Xiaohong Valente, 53 Fernview Ave. Unit 53FV-4, $170,000.00

Virgina & Joseph Deangelis, William & Jennifer Rogers, 65 Thistle Road, $955,000.00

Dwight & Ashley Feeney, Seth & Jessica Metayer, 261 Waverly Road, $420,000.00

Key-Lime Inc., Duncan Stuart, 78 Mayflower Dr. Unit 11, $486,000.00

Kathleen & Michael Cook, Steven Anderson, 91 Heath Road, $830,000.00

Kathleen & Michael Cook, Sun Kim, 91 Heath Road,

Barton 2011 Family Trust, Thomas & Amy Mccarron, 79 Millpond, $375,000.00

Kirankumar & Jayshree Dalal, Bryan & Danielle Brazill, 75 Rosemont Dr., $675,500.00

Bill & Jessica Karras, Anthony & Michelle Desantis, 316 Great Pond Road, $725,000.00

US Bank N A TR, James, Kevin, & Dianne Stevens, 23 Edgelawn Ave. Unit 23 EL5, $179,500.00

John Watkins, Tiffany & Christopher Ross, 32 Third St., $479,000.00

Diane Minihan, Jared & Heidi Turcotte, 53 Rock Road, $491,000.00

Cathleen Alaino, Susan Teberio, 65 Berkley Road, $605,000.00

Srinivasa & Chandrakala Karri, Samuel Jackson, 29 Brewster St. Unit 2, $315,600.00

Srinivasa & Chandrakala Karri, Jennifer Shipp, 29 Brewster St. Unit 2,

Bruce & Gonny Eggers, Alyssa & Chistopher Cataldo, 117 Brookview Dr., $705,000.00

Marc & Nadine Levin, Neha Patel, 195 Amberville Road, $680,000.00

Marc & Nadine Levin, Chetan Dodhia, 195 Amberville Road,

Donald & Jeanne Meade, Eli Roth, 114 Beverly St., $295,000.00

Donald & Jeanne Meade, Camille Adler, 114 Beverly St.,

Daniel Schults, Jenna Brown & Vanessa Brown-Cooper, 78 Jefferson St. Unit 49, $157,500.00

Donna Clements, Allison & Jarod Kershek, 230 Granville Lane, $595,000.00

Basil & Catherine Karanikos, Srinivasa & Chandrakala Karri, 63 Mayflower Dr. Unit 19, $669,000.00

John Larkin, David Towler, 9 Walker Road Unit 3, $137,250.00

Kevin Galizio, Daniel & Brianna Stetson, 326 Chestnut St., $542,000.00

Tammy Hamilton, Justin & Rachel Pronovost, 47 Brightwood Ave., $352,000.00

William & Jennifer Rogers, Anh Duong, 457 Boston St., $649,900.00

William & Jennifer Rogers, Mumi Phan, 457 Boston St.,

Jenna & Kevin Medeiros, Victor Cotorobai, 108 Kingston St. Unit 108, $250,000.00

Jenna & Kevin Medeiros, Anna Tyugankina, 108 Kingston St. Unit 108,

Paul & John Beninato, Sara Tomaselli, Tanveer & Ghulm Ahad, 254 Lacy St., $525,000.00

J. Darryl & Marnie Mckay Perry, Arthur & Anilda Palushi, 25 Poor St., $473,500.00

Daivd & Cara Carrewyn, Michael & Melissa Rivers, 179 Andover St., $675,000.00

1602 Catalpa Dr. LLC, Robert & Melanie Sinclair, 1602 Catalpa Dr. Unit 1602, $375,000.00

Thomas & Mary Holland, Jon Darryl Perry & Marnie Mckay-Perry, 40 Conventry Lane, $750,000.00

D. Joan & Neil Johnston, Michael Levin, 10 Jerad Place, $747,000.00

D. Joan & Neil Johnston, Yana Tsybina, 10 Jerad Place,

Pauline Dutra, Zhenfei Zhang, 22 Leydon St. Unit 86, $210,000.00

Pauline Dutra, Di Wu, 22 Leydon St. Unit 86,

Timothy & Amy Hogan, Christopher & Heather Long, 11 Green Hill Ave., $385,000.00

Silva Family Trust, Kevin & Fang Yuan, 32 Lavender Circle, $750,000.00

Silva Family Trust, Xiaoli Zhuang, 32 Lavender Circle,

Kyle Leavitt, Sharon Kelleher, 2306 Juniper Circle, $419,000.00

Kyle Leavitt, Bryan Oconnell, 2306 Juniper Circle,

Martha Gill, Jessica Tavares, 92 Rea St. Unit A2, $625,000.00

Avinash Potluri & Ankitha Garapati, Nimesh Jayasakara, 55 Amberville Road, $595,000.00

Avinash Potluri & Ankitha Garapati, Harshani Tennakon, 55 Amberville Road,

METHUEN

Deborah Passamonte, Mark & Alexandra Lengieza, 29 Arnold St., $248,750.00

Lloyd Bell, Sean Powers, 1057 Riverside Dr., $342,000.00

Mullins Realty Trust, Craig Bartley, 23 Campus Road, $317,500.00

Mullins Realty Trust, Kristi Geremonte, 23 Campus Road,

Kevin & Elizabeth Carvalho, Linda Birch, 45 Oneida St., $350,000.00

Michael & Lindsey Kulig, Sabrina Hidalgo, 11 Greenhalge St., $390,000.00

Michael & Lindsey Kulig, Wilson Aguasvivas, 11 Greenhalge St.,

William & Alexa Stewart, Glenn & Joanne Fiore, 103 Chippy Lane, $400,000.00

Hales Landing LLC, Eric & Nancy Omari, 33 Majorie St., $537,900.00

Kami, Gary, & Diane Fouquaart, Stephanie & Steven Saulnier, 4 Peaslee Terrace, $265,000.00

Margaret Way LLC, Abdo & Samaria Hashem, 3 Margarets Way, $499,900.00

Hales Landing LLC, Nancy & Eric Omari, 36 Marjorie St. EXT, $537,900.00

Nancy Cebula & Karen Karantonis, Berkys Rodriguez, 46-48 Vermont St., $255,000.00

Jaclyn Contona, Pedlyne Joseph, 32 Miller St., $306,400.00

Anthony & Courtney Thomas, Brian Dalias, 45 Washington St. Unit 97, $260,000.00

Susan Parsons, Frank Efezokhae, 36 Marion St., $495,000.00

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Thomas Beauchesne & Rose Charles, Jean & Eugenia Jermain, 45 Christopher Dr. Unit 95, $173,000.00

Howe St. Realty Trust, Susan Parsons, 438 Howe St., $565,000.00

Nicholas & Ashley Lowery, Gary & Deborah Santarpio, 54 Chippy Lane, $387,000.00

Dennis & Margaret Thibault, Angela Saulino, 43 Tyler St., $435,000.00

Ahmed Hafeez & Khadija Lodhi, Nicholas & Ashley Lowery, 1 Strawberry Lane, $497,500.00

Darlene Franzone, Alfred & Dena Ciampi, 11 Henry St., $370,000.00

William & Sharon Odonnell, Arno & Cheryl Topp, 19 Hastings Circle Unit 53, $519,900.00

Adrienne Ciampa, Kathleen Sweeney, Hampshire Road Unit 23-309, $230,000.00

Frank Mcnally, Darlene Franzone, 1 Riverview Blv Unit 3-107, $261,500.00

Amy & Douglas Currie, Walter & Michele Lynch, 108 Ashland Ave., $277,000.00

Luis Freita Melissa Desousa, Vu Ho, 266 Oakland Ave., $417,000.00

Luis Freita Melissa Desousa, Phuong Luu, 266 Oakland Ave.,

Miriam Joran, Louis Charles, 8-10 Arnold St., $389,900.00

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Gayle Forster, Carol Lynch, 46 Ashford St. Unit 12, $148,000.00

Kristen Dubee, John Robert Markey Supplemental Needs Trust, 21 Hampshire Road Unit 313, $225,000.00

Toll MA IV LLC, William & Anastasia Georgelis, 12 Sequoia Dr. Unit 44, $715,623.00

David & Erin Moriarty, Tito Garcia, 130 East St., $375,000.00

David & Erin Moriarty, Lissette Rosario, 130 East St.,

Minh Tram & Xuanmai Luong, Kazi Pervez, 3 Castle Dr., $650,000.00

Gail Patenaude, Filippo Brancato, 45 Washington St. Unit V-104, $232,500.00

Toll MA IV LLC, Charles & Patricia Deluccia, 39 Pine Tree Dr. Unit 90, $658,930.00

Dorothy, Allison, Diane & Alfred Maroun, Israel & Nancy Anthony, 30 Powder Hill Road, $430,000.00

Doris & Marcia Michaud, Christine Patterson, 945 Riverside Dr. Unit 5C, $160,000.00

Monica Cote, Gessica Alves Adriano, 14 Allen St., $325,000.00

Joseph Tringali & Brenda Tringali-Gagne, Joseph Augusta, 45 Christopher Dr. Unit 131, $195,000.00

Seth & Kira Winter, Kendra Patick, 4 Moison Ave., $292,000.00

Pamela & Carl Martin, Shannon Greenough, 47 Perley St., $410,000.00

Pamela & Carl Martin, Paula Benoit, 47 Perley St.,

Janet De Leon, Yatin & Diptiben Patel, 50 Danbury Dr. Unit 17, $115,000.00

Peter & Mary Francis, Matthew Tarness, 3 Pheasant Hill Lane, $475,000.00

Peter & Mary Francis, Melissa Sousa, 3 Pheasant Hill Lane,

RKACO LLC , Arthur Lazares, 116 Bay State Road, $349,900.00

Channdarah & Mardy Tes, Maybel Reyes, 1 Coachman Lane, $375,000.00

Channdarah & Mardy Tes, Jaime Moreno, 1 Coachman Lane,

Maybel Reyes & Jaime Moreno, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 1 Coach-

man Lane, $356,250.00
21 Boylston St. lLC, Scott & Cheryll Grande, 21 Boylston St., $465,000.00
Scott & Cheryll Grande, Salem Co-Operative Bank, 21 Boylston St., $315,377.72
Carol Vallante, RTN Federal Credit Union, 4 Jo Dan Lane, $50,000.00
Peter & Kelly Sullican, Patrick Coffrey, 945 Riverside Dr. Unit 16A, $169,900.00
Lesley Mallon, Jacquelyn Cucuzza, 16 Hadley Road, $254,999.00
Lesley Mallon, Brandon Bannon, 16 Hadley Road,
Arthur & Marion Lawless, Steven & Jessica Pittman, 59 Clayton Ave., $340,000.00
North Lowell St. LLC, Stephen Merrick, 167-169 North Lowell St., $290,000.00
Dorothy Fortune, John & Mary Wallace, 1 Riverview Blv. Unit 2-008, $275,000.00
Rita, Arthur, Brian & Mark Mcgreevey, Vanessa Isola, 45 Christopher Dr. Unit 45, $195,000.00
Onesmus Macharia & Betty Nyaga, Narciso Parra, 46 Milk St., $192,000.00
Onesmus Macharia & Betty Nyaga, Gloria Gomez, 46 Milk St.,
Annalee Bell, Peter Dolan, 131 Butternut Lane, $300,000.00
Diane Collier, Mark & Kellie Collier, 532 Forest St., $425,000.00
Jason Rossi, Derek Sterner, 45 Washington St. Unit 24, $263,000.00
Toll MA IV LLC, Richard & Christine Pineau, 42 Pine Tree Dr., $681,643.00
Nancy & Scott Milligan, Anny & Roberto Irizarry, 135-137 Swan St., $450,000.00
Paul Giordano, Reynaldo Rodriguez, 216-218 Tenney St., $217,000.00
Margaret Way LLC, Shetal & Ilaben Patel, 2 Margarets Way, $207,700.00
Toll MA IV LLC, Paul & Adrienne Caselle, 44 Pine Tree Dr. Unit 36, $642,537.00
Cynthia Cummings, Barton 2011 Family Trust, 9 Marshall St., $382,750.00
Jeffrey Oullette & Jason Goodall, Frederick Zimmerman, 31 East Brook Place, $315,500.00
American Real Estate Development LLC, Brandon Freeman, 33 Stanley Road, $170,000.00
Carole Olmstead, Greg & Jamie Moreau, 18 Oakcrest Circle, $275,000.00
LLB Construction Inc, Cristino LLC, 25-27 Williams St., $200,000.00
Albert & Jeanne Demers, Susana Lazala, 21 Webb St., $280,000.00
Albert & Jeanne Demers, Melvin Urrutia, 21 Webb St.,
Wendy & Philip Forsyth, Kenneth Bergeron, 20 Washington St. Unit 61, $223,000.00
Denise Andrews, Erin & Conor Meehan, 39 Ormonde Road, $294,000.00
Quy Thanh & Thuy Trang Nguyen, Abner & Monique Silien, 2 Morningside Dr.,
$455,000.00
Ronald & Valarie Gallant, Christopher Gustafson, 235 Oakland Ave. Unit 1, $250,000.00
Matthew & Kristina Mondeau, Hassan & Siham Aitmouss, 22 Sunny Ave., $350,000.00
David & Gael Gangi, Luciano Camatta, 24 Vista Circle, $410,000.00
Altagracia Colon & Benjamin Perez, Kathleen Gath, 1 Riverview Blvd. Unit 3-215, $237,000.00
J. Nicolosi Realty Trust, Benjamin Perez, 2 Dewey St., $320,000.00
J. Nicolosi Realty Trust, Altagracia Colon, 2 Dewey St.,
Sarkis & Nadia Abrahamian, Tejal & Devyani Patel, 20 Danbury Dr. Unit 1, $113,000.00
Theodore & Barbara Blake, Kirk Semon, 19 Josephine Ave., $360,000.00
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Sean Quick, Steve & Kacey Nadeau, 145 Hampstead St., $330,000.00
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Nirvana. Despite being one example that defies the trend of humans seeking encounter with other humans, it does not claim that Buddhists don't experience that desire all the same. If anything, the decision to isolate themselves from civilization is a tremendous sacrifice; but one whose benefits they believe outweigh the costs.

All in all, the very essence of humanity requires human beings to live and engage together. Living without community is like living without air: we weren't created to do it. And despite how much conflict or chaos can arise from human contact, we need it desperately if we want to survive, thrive, and progress.

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greater chance of divorce; and in a society that sees a 50% divorce rate, only two percent of couples who practice natural family planning (rather than contraception) ever divorce.

Once the natural purpose of sex is rejected and the notion of the perverted or disordered act has lost its meaning, homosexuality is rationalized. Pornography, which completely guts the act of union of all objective meaning and purpose, has become mainstream; and the practice of masturbation, traditionally understood to be self-abuse, has been proclaimed "healthy" by professional charlatans like Dr. Ruth, et al. on a vulnerable generation of young people, disarmed by their culture.

The contraceptive mentality that occurred as a result of Humanae Vitae's rejection has led to the rationalization of a false liberty of radical autonomy, which in turn legalized murder – first for the preborn and now in some states the elderly. Over 60 million people, who should have been here today under 45 years old, are missing due to abortion alone. That's one out of every three of us.

There is no coincidence that the sexual revolution has led to a culture of death in just one generation. The world would be radically different had Humanae Vitae been heeded. It is not too late.

(http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html)

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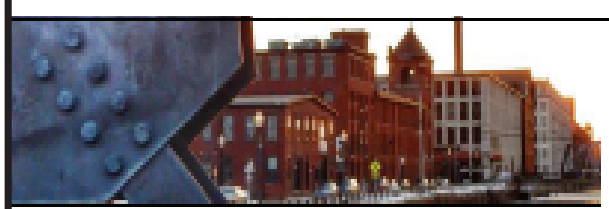

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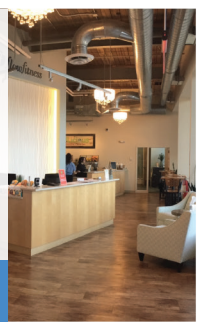

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